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THE WELCOME.

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I reached my home, or once 'twas mine, As night her dusky veil drew down; The changing years had numbered nine Since I had left this quiet town.

From boyhood on to man's estate I swift had strode since that far day, When I had passed with heart elate Out to the world's wild calls away.

And now the friends who rested here Throughout my absence, would they greet y coming as the thing most dear— Or in what measure should we meet?

I neared the porch, grave cheer it wore, Familiar seemed the pleasant spot, I entered at the open door, And gave my hand, they knew me not.

The house dog, Ben, my movements scanned Looked in my eyes with curious craft, Then dropped his head, and licked my hand, And shook his shaggy sides and laughed. MARIE S. LADD.

THE WILD HUNTSMAN.

CHAPTER I. THE WILD HUNTSMAN'S VOTARY.

THE SEVEN SPIRITS.

Earth, ocean, air, night, mountains, winds, thy star,
Are at thy beck and bidding, Child of Clay!
Before thee at thy quest their Spirits are—
What wouldst thou with us, son of mortals—say!
—Manfred.

The distant village clock tolls one! start-ling the echoes of the vast forest of dark pines which mantles the feet of the Riezengebirge, or Giant Mountains, the stupendous range of granite peaks that separates Bohe-mia from Silesia.

The gray owl pauses in its drear flight, and flapping his ghostly wings, swoops down to the sere and ferny ground; the blundering, leather-winged bat flutters into his hollow tree, the skulking fox ruus to earth, as borne along upon the rustling night breeze float sounds of eldritch laughter as of view-less and unearthly scoffers.

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The moon has gone down, but the lone, bright planets distil their cold, glimmering rays through the pure mountain air, faintly illumining the grassy patch of open ground in the depths of the grim wood, on which a solitary forester is watching through the noon of night, leaning upon his long, gleaming rifle, as silent and motionless as a statue.

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There is something strangely awe-inspiring in the aspect of this mysterious man; his weather-beaten, sun-awart face is dark as tan; his eyes, deep-set beneath his shaggy, tan; his cyes, deep-set beneath his shaggy, beetling brows, are cbon black, and glow with a fierce and fiendish light; his thin, scornful lips twitch under his heavy, black moustache, and his long black hair rains down upon his broad shoulders in ringlets as rich, silken, and luxuriant as a woman's.

He was dressed in a long doublet of green stuff, trimmed with black velvet and gold lace; his loggings were of untanned deer-

lace; his leggings were of untanned deer-skin, and to the knee encased in high boots; a large slouch hat, from which depended a set with a costly ruby, was pulled close down over his lowering brow. He was girdled with a broad, black belt, from which hung his game bag, his newdorshore, a rouch and a game-bag, his powder-horn, a pouch, and a

startled ear he turned affrighted, and dof-fing his hat, stood ghastly pale, and trembling

are abroad mortal anguish. Caspar—Caspar!" he ejaculated aloud, smiting his breast, and heavily groaning. "Can it be possible that time has passed so quickly! Seven years! They are fled like the lightning's flash! It seems but yesterday—yesterday! I have enjoyed no yesterday! Now—but—now, I entered upon ny dread compact with the juggling spirit Fiend, lying fiend! my term has not expired. Seven years of prosperity, no—no! A fever-ish, fleeting dream and I awake; but how? To the consciousness that I am anathema-

lost, body and soul! given to the fiend!"
Cold beads of sweat broke forth upon his
wrinkling brow, and in mortal despair he twined his writhing fingers through his black

"Spirits of the air! Powers of the far empyrean!" he exclaimed, sinking upon one knee, and wildly clasping his trembling hands. "Ye dark mysterious agencies who rule the elements and sway the destinies of wretched man! Hear me! I conjure ye by the potent spell taught me by that venerable adept who was your master. I invoke ye, spirits, that lesser than the Ministers, arestill the foes of evil, are the workers of good! By the high promise of my birthright, which is pledged, not forfeited; by my deep vows of penance and repentance, by your antagonism against the powers of dark-Spirits of the air! Powers of the far ocep vows of penance and repentance, by your antagonism sgainst the powers of dark-ness, save me!"

[Note,-The wild Bohemian Legend of Der Freitehuiz has had a wide spread popularity—the opera of that name being founded upon it. In the present story, the author has drawn from the various melo-dramatic and operatic versions.]



"BEFORE HIM LOOMED THE DREAD FORM OF THE WILD HUNTSMAN."

Burying his face in his hands, he remained upon his knees, shuddering convulsively.

The owl hooted, the fox barked, the dry

leaves whirled by on the toying wind, but all else was dumb as marble. He tried to make the sign of the cross, but

felt his arm wrenched flereely back; he looked around, but he was alone—nothing visible in the clear starshine but the gloomy woodland.

"Good angels flee from me; they will not "Good angels flee from me; they will not answer," he murmured in torment of sod. "It is my own volition, my hard pride, my seething passions of self-love, revenge, and hatred that repel them. Why, then? To you I appeal, arch-rulers of evil, pass by so mean a quarry as this worm of earth, though but in disdain, snatch me from the grasp of this word deepen your inferior helf, non-

this wood demon, your inferior—half-man, half-devil—hear me, oh pity me!" "Ha—ha—ha—Ha!" Ha—ho—ha—Ha!" The dark glades rang with wiid, fiendish

The dark glades rang with wiid, hendish laughter.

"They mock me!" growled Caspar, through his gnashing teeth. "I defy them! My term has not yet expired. I have still time. Another long, long day! I am no 'prentice, I know the spells. To morrow my star is in the ascendant. I will obtain another respite by the specifics of moreher victim. More now; my heart is hardened as a granite rosk.

Come what will I will do it! Yes, yes, tomorrow night in the Wolf's Glen, I will cast inver bugle.

As the wild, demoniae whoop rang on his tartled ear he turned affrighted, and dofing his hat, stood ghastly pale, and trembling diolently.

"The Dark Huntsman and his hellish rout re abroad!" he muttered in a low, husky roice. "How the mocking fiends exult at nortal anguish. Caspar—Caspar!" he ejacurotal anguish. Caspar—Caspar!" he ejacurotal anguish. Caspar—Caspar! "he ejacurotal anguish. Caspar—Caspar!" he ejacurotal anguish. Caspar—Caspar!" he ejacurotal anguish. Caspar—Caspar! "he ejacurotal anguish. Caspar—Caspar!" he ejacurotal anguish. Caspar—Caspar!" he ejacurotal anguish. Caspar—Caspar! "he ejacurotal anguish. Caspar—Caspar!" he ejacurotal anguish. me in Bertha's love—Wilhelm, who is my rival, and my adversary—whom I envy and abhor! The saintly sycophant! I will ruin him! The gaudy Mayly! I will entangle his soul in the meshes—like a spider I will weave my web for his destruction. Nerve thyself, Caspar! Never dilst thou more need determination than at this crisis. The morning is already breaking. To thy spells, I am yet thy master, Zamiel—I can yet competitive to anyear at my summons!

He hurried from the spot, and plunging into the brushwood, hastily gathered an armful of dry sticks, sere leaves, and withered fern, which he brought back to

the dingle.

Heaping these in a little pile upon the ground, he took from his peuch some gunpowder, which he scattered upon the fuel, and then ignited it by means of flint and

steel. Soon the dry, inflammable mass burst into a bright flare which lit up the sur-rounding trees with its crimson glare. The forester then produced a selection of

herbs, and other essentials, culled for his purpose, and cast them into the ilame, at the same time unitering some strange con-teration in a jargon intelligible only to the initiated

By this time the sky had become overeast and the sign wind, rearing through the waving branches of the gigantic firs, fanned

the fire-spluttering, smoky flare.

Caspar unsheathed his hunting dirk, waved it thrice above his head, and in a low, impressive monotone, chanted the following

INCANTATION.

" Huntsman dark who haunt'st this dell, Hear and aid my potent spell: Whether over wood and wold, Whether over wood and word,
Thou dost thy dread revel hold;
On the raving tempest's rack,
With thy yelling hell-bound pack,
O'er the wood, the holt, the crag, Chasing hard the spectral stag; Through the lightning's livid flash, 'Mid the thunder's awful crash,

'Mid the thunder's awful crash,
And the storm-rain's savage plash;
Whooping through the wildering night,
Lost wayfarers to affright,
As upon the hurtling blast
Speeds thy heil-horde—howling past!
Or, whether,
Zamiel, demon fell!
Lurk'st thou in some murky cell,
Throned among thy fiendish clan,
Working bane and death to Man.
Where'er thou art—in earth or air—
Hither at my call repair!
Answer! charm-compelled to hear! Answer! charm-compelled to hear!

It is thy master wills! Appear!' As he concluded this invocation, the gale, which before had blown with inerea fury, ceased in an instant. Not a stirred, not a spray trembled. A stra stirred, not a spray trembled. A strange and supernatural calm prevailed, and a black gloom closed around, causing the glare of the fire to glow fiercer and more lurid red. Caspar took a baskward tree.

Caspar took a backward step; still clutching in his hand the flashing blade, he fixed his eyes with breathless suspense and intense interest upon the volume of smoke that rolled heavily upwards, and now appeared to assume a compact form. For an instant it hung motionless as a cloud in a dead calm, then it wafted upwards, dispersing and vanishing in misthrough the dark tree-tops, and there be-fore him, standing erect upon the red-hot embers, loomed the dread form of THE WILD

HUNTSMAN.

Caspar quailed before those soul-searching eyes that glowed like live coals, and that dark, clive face, and that dread form, half human, half fiend, so weirdly attired in a deer-skin hunting dress, with the accontrements of the chase, the pouch, the dirk, the winding bagle, and the long, black ritle. The unearthly being spoke in a hollow tone, which sent an key thrill through the listener's heating heart.

"Why am I summoned?"

Caspar sank upon one knee.

"Dread spirit," he gasped, "my term has expired.

"No; but to-morrow yields me to thy DOM:01

rival whom I hate.

"I seek not his life, or long since I had slaked my thirst for vergennee in his blood. He is a jager" like myself, a ranger of the forest, one of the surest marksmen in all Bohemia. I have bitter cause to bate him. It was he who stepped between me and the bride whom I adored with the fierce passion of one whose impulses are irresistible as the

THE LEGEND.

The pretty and romantic village of Raubenswold was perched upon a rocky plateau at the foot of the soaring Riezengebirge, and commands a magnificent prospect of mountain, river, and woodland from its tree-crowned eyric that overhung an extensive and richly diversified tract of country, lovely and picturesque beyond verbal description, but which had formed the subject of many a glowing painting by master hands. Never had the mountain hamlet appeared to better advantage than on the morning of the eventful day, the various incidents of which it will be our task to chronicle, gayly decorated with garlands, streamers, and triumphal arches; it was thronged by a bustling, laughing crowd of hunters and villagers in holiday attire. At the door of the principal inn, a quaint old tavern, the sign of "Der Holtsbrenner," or "Charcoal-burner," a jovial party of gayly-dressed peasants, and swart, manly-looking huntsmen were clustered around the portly, red-faced, jolly-looking host.

"Come, come, Kit, let us have your ex-

that thou bringest thy victim at midnight

that then bringest thy victim at midnight to the Wolf's Glen. Away!"

The last red spark amongst the white ashes of the pyre flickered and became extinct. The black firs waved around in the dim, ghastly twilight of the dawn—the Demon Huntsman had vanished!

ghastly twilight of the dawn—the Demon Huntsman had vanished! Exhausted by his dread emotions, Caspar cast himself upon the ground, and remained as crushed and immobile as if stricken by a thunderbolt, till he was aroused by the sweet, clear, silvery tantarras of the jagers' bugle-horns, merrily ringing through the echoing forests a gladsome welcome to the breaking day.

CHAPTER II.

THE LEGEND.

tered around the portly, red-faced, jolly-looking host.

"Come, come, Kit, let us have your experiences," laughed one of the hunters, clapping the Boniface on the shoulder. "Let us hear what you have to tell about the terrible Schwartzerjager—the Black Hunter that haunts the forest. You say you have encountered that mysterious gentleman; favor us with the particulars of your interview."

"Yes, yes," cried the rest in laughing chorus. "Kit is the prince of story-tellers, deeply skilled in the fable-lore—tell us a tale of the Wild Huntsman!"

sweep of the cataract. He was accepted, I rejected with disdain. Besides, he has won the favor with the Grand Warden, has been thrice crowned King of the Marksmen, while I have toiled in the battle-field and on

tale of the Wild Huntsman!"

"Hist, you reckless, babbling block-heads!" returned the old fun-keeper, starting and glancing nervously around him.

"Who knows but at this moment the Wild Huntsman may be at your elbow!"

"Ha, ha! certainly, Kit, he could not be in better company," replied the hunter, laughing. "But no such luck. I, for one, should be glad to make acquaintance with a personage of whom so much has been said and so little seen. For my part, though I have threaded the forest since I was big enough to lift this rifle—long ere I had strength or skill to use it—I have never met the hunting-trail, and have had nought but my labor for my pains. He is courted and caressed, while I am shunned and hated. What would you more?"

"His bold heart shrinks not from death, but would be crushed by shame and defeat. Dark Fower, extend my term, give me yet seven years, and he shall be thy votary and strength or skill to use it-I have never met thy victim."
The demon laughed a hideous, scoffing

"Nor I," rejoined another.
"No, nor I," a third asserted.

"And pray, gentlemen, who is this Black Huntsman of whom you are speaking?" This inquiry was made by a handsome youth, dressed in the costume of a student

his fellow man's perdition. Our strength is in man's mortal weakness and human pas-sion," said the fiend. "What wouldst thou I should do?" youth, dressed in the costume of a student of one of the universities of Bohemia, and bearing on his back a portfolio and a satchel containing the necessary implements for sketching and painting, and carrying in his hand a long spiked staff for climbing the precipitous acclivities of the mountain range. "Thou knowest my thoughts. Command, and I obey."

"Attend, Zamie!! To-morrow is the day appointed for the annual competition for the prize of a hundred ducate, and the triumph

"Who asks such a question?" cried the jager, turning in surprise. "Oh, 'tis you, Meinherr Reinhardt. You have but newly stranger as you are, you have not heard the legend of the famous Wild Huntsman."

"Thou hast yet a day—thou art provided with the charmed bullets of the FREISCHUTZ that acrer miss the mark. Why not ester the lists thyself, and win the bride? Thy many "Well, then, you must know, friend, that

that never miss the mark. Why not enter the lists thyself, and win the bride? Thy vengence will be complete."

"False Fiend! thou knowest the price that must be paid for such a revenge, growled Capar. "No, it is through him, my rival, and her chosen lover, that I must strike the death-blow to her cold, proud heart. Hitherto, Willielm has borne the palm. He stands unrivalled as a marksman. Exert thy power, and for one day rob him of his skill. Let his arms be nerveless, let his shots each fall, let him be whelmed with confusion and disgrace, the butt of ribald jests, the mark for scorn and pity, and purchase the unerring buillets at the cost of that which is beyond all price. Will the maccept him as a votary?"

"I will. Bring him to-morrow at midnight to the Wolf's Gien."

"There, the fatal buillets shall be.

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"Not yet."
"No; but to-morrow yields me to thy
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and he the neophyte. But beware shouldst
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jagers, whon, in a
trial of skill, could prove himself to be the
inight to the Wolf's Glen."

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Avenge me, Zamiel!

" A fellow mortal, his life is in thy hands.

laugh.
"Man is our readiest agent in working out

which exalts the best shot to be 'King of the Marksmen' of the remainder of the year.

The next day a yet higher prize is to be contended for—the fair hand of Bertha von Raubenzold, daughter of the hereditary

Grand Warden, commander of all the king's

Thou knowest my thoughts,

heli-nounds in chase of a spectral deer, until the great day of doom.

"Village gossips say that, at certain sea-sons, especially upon the approach of some dreadful thunder-storm, he has been seen with his hellish crew flying along the clouds in full chase; and there is no more terrible omen of impending evil than the anissarance e of impending evil than the appearance be dread Wild Huntsman!"

'An idle superstition," returned the stu-t. "But I understand that the post of grand warden is at present open to competi-tion, the barun having lately died, leaving no other child than the beautiful Bertha von

And when is the day of trial ?"

"And are there many candidates?"

"Three—Caspar, Wilheim, and Killian—or, rather, I should say, two, since I hear that Caspar has withdrawn his claim."

"He has," replied several of the by-

"He has," replied several of the bystanders.

"Yet, Hermann, he always had a sneaking liking for the fair young baroness," one
of the jagers remarked.

"That is true. It is passing strange that
he should lose an opportunity of winning a
prize which he has coveted so long. In my
opinion, he is the only man who stands a
chance of competing with Withelin."

"Still, Hermann, you must own that Killian is a formidable rival; he's a dead shot."

"Aye, when he keeps himself soher," returned the other, shaking his head. "But
'tis a hundred to one on Wilhelm. I would
not give a kreutzer for Killian's chance."

"But what of this Caspar?" asked the
student. "What sort of person is he?"

"Oh, a gloomy, morose fellow, whom nobody likes, and most folks hold in awe,"
was Hermann's reply. "Yet he is certainly

was Hermann's reply. "Yet he is certainly a most wonderful shot. I never remember

a most wonderful shot. I never remember to have seen him miss the mark."
"Never—never," chorussed the jagers.
"Yet he seldom displays his skill. But he is a mysterious person altogether; he keeps aloof from society, and even when he oins the hunt, seldom speaks to any of his

"And when he does we wish him to be silent," rejoined another, "for there is some-thing so provoking in his callous, sneering laugh, and his covert malice and sarcasm, that one is inspired with hate and fear when listening to him."

I agree with you, Heinrich," said an yet is he deeply skilled in our wood craft; he knows the secrets of nature, can name every herb and simple that grows in the forest or the field, and tell their virtues. And I have noticed that he is always fore most in the chase, and always in at the death when hunting the stag or the wild boar. When the very dogs are at fault he can strike the scent, and whenever he accompanies us on a day's sporting we are al-ways successful, and return with our bags

I should like to know more of this wondrous sportsman," said the student, smiling.
" you must introduce me to him, friend

Hermann."

"The less you have to do with him the better," replied the jager, "though I doubt very much whether you could get him to fraternize with you. Since his suit was rejected by the young baroness, he has become more sullen and unsociable than ever. But enough said about him! I never think of him without feeling a shudder of leathing."

But if the trial shot is to be fired to-

"But if the trial shot is to be fired to morrow, what is afoot that there is such a commotion, and so large a gathering in the village to-day?" asked the student.

"Why, are you not aware, Memberr Rein hardt, that to-day is the grand festival, when the 'King of the Marksmen' is to be chosen for the ensuing year?" returned the pager.

"More than usual interest pertains to the

"More than usual interest pertains to the occasion, as to morrow a prize of such great importance is to be contended for. But look; here come the candidates—huzza!" "Hozsa!" responded the crowd of hunters and peasants, with a tremendous waving of hats and handkerchiefs, as the lively strains of a rustic band of music, the two rival rangers, each surrounded by his respective friends and admirers, approached.

According to time honored custom, the inn etty daughter, Gretchen, decked out with ribbons and flowers, emerged from the door of the tavern, bearing in her hand a foaming tankard of lager bier, which she

fine features bore the marks of dissipation, his merry black eyes, his luxuriant locks, his white, gleaming teeth, and roguish smile, were sufficiently attractive to have made an Back Numbers.

rosy cheek. "Let who will be warden, I will be King, my Gretchen-King of the Marksmen. Wish me good fortune, and my laurels are for your shine alone."
"How can you so deceive me? Begone, "How can you so deceive me? Begone, the control of the cont

false and heartless as you are "returned the girl, pettishly. "Would you were as true to me as Wilhelm is to his high-born love. He is a noble youth, and worthy of the hand of a privace Could follow."

Such a noble of a privace Could follow. love. He is a noble youth, and worthy of the hand of a princess. Good fartune crown his efforts. I will drink to his success."

"Zounds!" muttered Killian; "tis the toss up a kreuter between love and ambition. But to be Grand W.

hell-hounds in chase of a spectral deer, until
the great day of doom.
"Village gossips say that, at certain sea"First bless the cup, pretty Gretchen,"
"First bless the cup, pretty Gretchen,"

said Wilhelm, smiling. "You know the custom. Is it to me or my rival that you

"To you, Meinherr Wilhelm," returned the girl with unconscious fervor, as she sipped from the tankard. "May your aim sipped from the tankard. "May your aim be as true as your own love-troth; may your good fortune be as constant as your devotion to the lady of your heart. I drink and hail!" "Thanks, gentle Gretchen," said Wil-helm, quaffing; "under such auspices I am fearless of defeat. And now, friends, to the

With a loud huzza! the hunters and peasants forming themselves into procession, and, preceded by the band of musicians, marched off in the direction of the wide,

marched off in the direction of the wide, smooth lawn, surrounded by tents and plat-forms, and in the centre of which the tar-gets had been set up.
Withelm lingered behind to chat with Her-mann and Heinrich, and to shake hands with the student Reinhardt, and then the four set off to follow the crowd to the ground where the shooting match was to take place.

take place.
Wilhelm's air was composed and confident; his fine blue eyes shone with a proud, clear light; he carried his rifle with an easy poise, and stepped on with a firm tread.

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As they were passing over a rugged piece of ground which had to be traversed on their way to the rifle butts, three mappies, which had for several moments been wheeling and chattering above their heads, suddenly alighted upon the sward a little distance ahead, and forming in a line went inhiering. ahead, and forming in a line went jabbering

and hopping in the van.
"Look, Wilhelm, at those cursed birds!
There are three of them," said Hermann.
"'Tis a bad omen."

"Aye; and they move to the left, that makes it worse," rejoined Heinrich, up-lifting his boarspear, as if about to scare away the feathered augurs of ill.

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Withelm laughed gayly.

"Hold!" he said; "they say 'tis lucky if
two magpies cross one's path. I'll clear one
of them off the board, and then we shall
avert ill consequences. I have not fired a
shot to day; I will see if 'Old Trusty,' my
best ritle, is in good order. No!"
He cocked his ritle, raised it to his shoulder, and instantly blazed away.
But the three magpies only uttered a shrill
scream, and rising on their glossy wings.

scream, and rising on their glossy wings sped swiftly away. "Not hit!" gasped Wilhelm, turning pale. "No, bungler! What does this mean?"

growled Hermann. "Here is your bullet, at least a rod aside the mark."
"You must fire better than that to-mor-

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the door of the tavern, bearing in her hand a foaming tankard of larger bier, which she presented with a blush and an arch smile to Killian, who walked a little in advance of his rival. Withelm.

A pre-eminently handsome fellow was the young scapegrace, as he stood in his neat and picturesque green dress, tankard in hand, howing to the fair maiden, and the laughing and cheering bystanders. And though his as we cannot be responsible for the soft larger bystanders. And though his as we cannot be responsible for the soft larger bystanders. And though his as we cannot be responsible for the soft larger bystanders.

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His friend replied the history of stock swinding in a very few two stones which cost him but ten florins, yet they yielded him an income of two hundred florins a year. The nobleman was very anxious to see such profitable stones, when his friend took him to his flour-mill, and pointed out the two homely mill stones which yielded a larger income than all his thoroughfare of the Strand was formerly a more river-strand—a narrow, thinly-settled thoroughfare of the Strand was formerly a more river-strand—a narrow, thinly-settled take notic two stones which cost him but ten florins, yet they yielded him an income of two hundred florins, a year. The name given to the fashionable during in a very few lines.

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toss up a kreutzer between love and amin too. But to be Grand Warden. Humphow I wish you, sweet lips, could share my borors. But she's a shrew after all. Bless the little vixen, I would not have her eyes upon me when I shoot to-morrow, not for all mustann, if there are such things. Egai. I would like to grab just one of them."

Gretchen now advanced towards Wilhelm, and presented him the silver tankard with a picesant smile.

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Approaching and Receding Stars.

Among the stars, some are moving di-ectly towards the earth, others are travelrectly towards the earth, others are travel-ling directly away from us: but their dis-tance is so great that thousands of years must clapse before we can detect any change in their position by the telescope. The de-termination of this fact has long been a question among astronomers, but now it has been accomplished by means of the spectroscope; and we make it known as a most im-portant astronomical discovery. Mr. Hug-gins, F.R.S., whose spectroscopic investiga-tions of stars and nebulæ are well known, is able to determine with his instrumen whether a star approaches or recedes. In the former case, the waves of light which come to us from the star appear somewhat shortened; in the other case, they appear lengthened. As a familiar illustration, when a boat is rowed against the wind, the ripples seem shorter to a person sitting in the boat, and longer when in the contrary direction. So with the waves of light; by the diffe-rence in the refrangibility of the light from the star, Mr. Huggins is enabled to deter-mine whether the star is going or coming; and he has made known two interesting facts. One is, that the motion (if any) of the nebulæ, whether from or towards the earth, is too slow to be detected by the spectroscope; and that Sirius, one of the brightest stars, is approaching our solar sys-tem at the rate of nearly thirty miles a se-cond. Henceforth, we shall have a new series of star observations made by a method which is admirable for its ingenuity, and which can hardly fail to interest even the uncientific reader.

Painting "Beautiful Hair."

A young artist at the Tenth Street Studio Building became very much enamored with a beautiful lady who sat at a window on the opposite side of the street. He sent most thrilling eye-glances up to her window whenever he passed in or out of his studio. At length, one day, he saw her on the street, and running in breathless haste he reached her all passing and garged out. and running in breatiness haste he relacated her all panning, and gasped out, "Oh, miss, your lovely blonde hair; I am dying to paint it." The lady, with a quick movement, put her hand to her head, and then holding it out with her hair at arm's length, exclaimed, "Take it! there it is! send it back when you are through with it, and stop staring at

my window; my husband is dreadfully jea-lous, and will thrash you for your impu-dence." The poor artist took the "lovely blonde hair," braids, curls and all, to his studio, and next day sent them to their owner. He has not been on a chase for "blonde hair" since.

MITRDAY ELEXAGO POST, on the content of the content

Such a book is a great means of economizing in the course of a year. Just the right thing in the right place of tex rave dollars of money and dollars' worth of time and trouble. Just such hints and directions we meet with from week to week in every good paper, and it is the carrying them out worth of the probably shatter his bones, and the result was, as we learn, his injuries were limited to a few comparatively harm-

new one by Louisa Multibach, the German novelist, whose works have been so widely read of late.

We hope our old subscribers will try to give us a goost lift, when they renew their clubs for the next year. And, in order to do so, they should commence raising their clubs at once.

The chapmens of The Post, as compared.

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The name given to the fashionable man, said a would-be wit in the presence firive in Hyde Park—Rotten Row—has a of a knight of the shears. "But," responded

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

—Smoking indiscriminately in railway carriages is now prohibited in England. From and after the 1st of October every railway company is bound to provide smoking compartments for each class of carriages.

—The London Standard announces that President Johnson intends visiting England at the expiration of his term of office.

—The latest from San Francisco. A wedding in a theatre, the knot being t ed by a woman.

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One of the New York theatres has in-troduced what is known as the English half-price system. Spectators arriving after half-past nine o'clock are charged but half the

usual admission fee.

—The composer of the song "Not for Joseph," has received \$35,000 as his share of its profits. Mendelssohn only received about \$250 for one of his great pieces. But then Mendelssohn could not have written "Not for Joseph."

for Joseph."

—The women of Germany are to have a convention at Stuttgart this month, to discuss the best way of managing babies.

—The author of the hymn beginning, "I would not live alway," is nearly eighty years of age, and still living.

—The English Postmaster General is urged to propose to the United States on interest.

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to propose to the United States an interna-tional postage of one penny for single rates, with the belief that it would not only reflect high honor upon Great Britain, but would be acceptable to this country.

—An "iron jail" has been made in New York for a county in Missouri. It contains three cells, and is fifteen feet square by seven and a half high.

—The vintage of 1868 in France is esti-mated at 1,320,000 gallons, or thirty-three gallons for every man, woman and child in

gallons for every man, woman and child in France -Eighty-eight cucumbers were gathered from a single vine recently, near Rising Sun, Md.

Sun, Md.

—A blind child of three years plays the piano in Baltimore in a skillful manner, using its elbows as well as its hands.

THE ELECTIONS.—Pennsylvania has been

carried by the Republicans by about 10,000 majority. The vote is a very large one. Congressional delegation will probably stand 16 Republicans to 8 Democrats. The legis-lature will have a Republican majority of 27

on joint ballot.

Ohio has gone Republican by probably about 17,000 majority. The Republicans elect thirteen Congressmen, and the Demo-

rats six.
Indiana has gone for the Republicans by Indiana has gone for the Republicans by about 1,000 majority. The Congressional delegation will stand 7 Republicans to 4 Democrats. Legislature Republican. Nebraska is reported to have gone Republican by over 2,000 majority. The Republicans claim all the members of the legislature with the exception of five.

In Philadelphia the official returns give

In Philadelphia the official returns give the following majorities:—Mayor, Daniel M. Fox, Dem., 1,838; District Attorney, Fur-man Sheppard, Dem., 1,275; City Comp-troller, George Getz, Dem., 724; Solicitor, Thos. J. Barger, Dem., 892; Receiver of Taxes, J. M. Melloy, Dem., 238; Commis-sioner, David P. Weaver, Dem., 953; Pro-thorotary of Common Pleas Albert Flexcher. thonotary of Common Pleas, Albert Fletcher, Dem;, 631; President Judge, J. I. C. Hare, Republican, 25 majority; Associate Judge, Thos. Greenbank, Dem., 125 majority. On the state ticket, Boyle, Dem., receives 175 majority, and Ent. Dem., 266. Of the five Congressmen, Kelly and O'Neil, (Republi-cans); and Randall, Moffet and Reading (Democrats) are elected. Reading's district includes Bucks county and three rural wards

of Philadelphia.

—The 16th was the time for the meeting of Congress, according to adjournment, but both Houses were again adjourned until November 10th. Only four Senators and eleven Representatives were present. —General Joseph Hooker has been re-

tired from active service, in consequence of disability. He retires with the full rank of Major-General.

The cricket match between the All-Eng-

—The cricket match between the All-Eng-land Eleven and a selected Twenty-two cricketers of the United States terminated on the 16th, on the St. George cricket grounds at New York, in favor of the Eleven, in one inning, with 8 runs to spare. The full score was: All-England Eleven, first inning, 143. Twenty-two, first inning, 70; second inning, 65. This is the sixth and last match of the cories, in all of which the English cricketers. series, in all of which the English cricketers have won. A match at base ball at New York will conclude the regular series, —The United States Supreme Court has

recently decided that a pardon by the President will not authorize the restitution to the former owner of property confiscated for participation in the rebellion. An act of

tter, "a fool is no part at all." Horses sell for ten cents apiece in

parts of Australia.

1 To It is said that upward of five thousand different articles in common use are manufactured out of the ordinary willow

Law Love thy neighbor; yet pull not

To Marry or Not to Marry. The Question Humorously Considered

" Cornelius O'Dowd," in a late number of Blackwood, discusses the question of mar-riage in a pleasant way. We cull a few pas-

Is life really life if one must pass it on the tight-rope? Is existence worth hav-ing, where it is eternally a question of balancing—swaying to this side, and bending to that ?

"Is it proven that all people have a vocation for marriage, and is conjugalism per se certain to requite those who, to attain it, must divide between two what they had barely found sufficient for one? These are simple questions which we have no need of a philosopher to ask or answer for us. If one were simply to pronounce from what appears on the surface of life—and it is very. hard to go deeper—we should say that the single people, especially the men, have the best of it. They are more in request among their friends, available for more attentions, and keep longer young than their married

The double-barrelled egotism of marriage spoils many a good fellow and destroys the charm of many a delightful woman. The firm, that terrible partnership, crops up at every moment, and routs that glorious spon-taneity, that delicious irresponsibility, we once remembered.

"I have no patience with those people who want to marry on what it is a puzzle to them to live single upon. They must be moral, forsooth! at the cost of reducing some unhappy girl to drudgery, on the false pretence—for it is false—of loving

her.
""Why can't they let it alone?" as the great master of common-sense said of a less eventful contingency.
"I have met more pleasant and companies to the companies of the companies to single than the

"I have met more pleasant and companionable people among the single than the married; but there is a canting notion abroad, that marriage is a sort of backbone for good behavior, and so the curate must be married. I don't know how far the theory goes, or whether a lady's shocmaker should have a wife, but I'm sure her coiffers ought.

I hope we shall soon hear the last of this tiresome controversy; for if any man wishes positively to ascertain, from his per-sonal experience, whether it be safe to marry on £100 per annum, let him commit a small misdemeanor in Ireland and be sent to jail for three months. If his constitution stands the dietary—the seven ounces of gruel and pinch of barley per diem—he may have his bans published the day he comes out, and certainly there will be nothing in his absorbent system to interfere with his happiness.

But it is a mistake to suppose that marriage is a necessity, except to a three-volume novel. I am certain that a very large num-ber of people are not made for that species of companionship. Mind, I am not en-amored of Mormonism or Spiritual wifery, nor have I the slightest sympathy with Agapemones. What I desire to insist on is, that
our present-day civilization inculcates conjugalism too indiscriminately, and takes
most unjustifiable means to support its position. One of these, and the least commendable of all, is to disparage those who are
called old maids. I have seen many a timid
rider in a hunting-field jeered into riding at
a fence that cost him a 'cropper;' and I
am convinced that many women are driven
into marriage to escape the obloquy and
sarcasm of belonging to that maligned category. nor have I the slightest sympathy with Agape

gory.

"It is no exaggeration to say 'maligned.'

I would ask any one who has seen much of life—who has, so to say, been a man of the world, watching its ways and studying its doings—I would ask him has he ever met in doings—I would ask him has he ever met in any section of humanity greater kindliness, gentleness and patience than among these same old maids? Where has he found more hearty, genial, generous natures? where sound views of life disfigured by fewer pre-judices? where more thorough charity in discussing the motives? where, in one word, less of those very attributes by which it has pleased the world to characterize this class? It is no part of my task to call witnesses to what I say; but one I will cite, because she eminently represented all that I have so feebly attempted to picture; and if her genius might seem to outshine the lustre of

part of the matter that at eighty she was the guiding spirit, the delight and the charm of that family which derived glory from her

"Is it to a class which numbers Miss Edgeworth and Miss Nightingale among its members that women need shame to belong?
"I have done. I will only add that, in-stead of heaping ridicule on the condition of unmarried women, and, out of sheer derision, driving them to accept anybody— anything—as husbands, let us accord them all the deference and regard we bestow on others; and let us not forget, in the presence of some 'old maid' whose qualities of mind and nature have charmed us, and whose traces of beauty are not few nor faint, that

Stoves and Furnaces.

The season of the year has arrived when the most danger is to be apprehended from the escape of deleterious gases into dwell-ings, from stoves and furnaces. Let all our readers carefully examine their stoves and flues, and remove the accumulations of waste material, that the smoke and gases may have free exit into the outside atmos-phere. The health of thousands is seriously impaired every year by breathing the gases escaping from stoves, and many have lost their lives from this source. The saddest sight we ever looked upon was one quiet sight we ever looked upon was one quiet sunday morning in March, a few years ago, when we were called to the house of a neighbor, to view the lifeless bodies of the father and mother of a family, lying in bed precisely as they sunk into repose the night before. During the night coal gas escaped from a furnace in the cellar, and from thence into the chambers, and the whole family narrowly escaped from passing to that sleep which knows no waking. As it was, the father and mother lost their lives. Several of the products of combustion are

of a deleterious nature, particularly carbonic oxide and carbonic acid. Anthracite and bituminous coals contain considerable sul-

from burning coals.

It was supposed formerly that carbonic acid was a poisonous product, but it is now known not to be, but is, nevertheless, fatal to human life, when inhaled, as it operates to exclude oxygen from the respiratory ap-paratus. A person can be drowned in car-bonic acid as well as in water.

But carbonic exide is a destructive poison, and certainly and rapidly fatal to animal existence even when largely diluted with air. When coals are burned slowly and imperfectly the second of the sec fectly, large quantities of this gas are formed, and if it escapes into rooms, even in minute amounts, headache, vertigo, lassi-

tude, are sure to result.

Physicians in searching for the causes of ill-health in patients should not overlook the fruitful sources connected with the apparatus for household warmth, Examine the stoves, we say. Is the draught good? Are the dampers properly adjusted? Is the ventilation of rooms such as it should be? Look well to the stoves and furnaces.—

Journal of Pharmacy and Chemistry.

Playing the Piane by Machinery.

A novel invention is announced, which threatens to throw the most skillful musical performers into the shade, and to deprive music teachers of their means of livelihood. The apparatus is called the pianautomaton, or the organautomaton, and is expected to per-form on the piano or organ the most difficult form on the piano or organ the most difficult music which can be procured at "first sight," and without hesitation. This will be a great improvement upon living performers! The patent of the inventor covers three different kinds of instruments; one which contains within it a magneto-electric appatus, and which is worked by a crank; another, provided with a galvanic battery, and also worked by a crank; and a self-nection also worked by a crank; and a self-acting instrument, which performs alone, without any apparent aid. The apparatus can be at-tached to any plano or organ. The music played by this novel performer must be written in a special manner, and can be ren-dered with the nicest variations of style. Such, at least, are the reports. The inven-tor is Mr. Eugene Trastour de Varano, a native of New Orleans.

DIRT FOR CHILDREN.—The most emi nent physicians in Paris maintain that play-ing with dirt is healthful to children; hence, the children in that city are each allowed a small bucket and shovel at an early age, and ent forth to dig dirt and make mud pies. Even in this country it is noticeable that the youngsters who are allowed to wallow in filth seem to thrive upon it, while the juveniles that are kept clean, are, many of them, puny

WASN'T ACQUAINTED .- "Why is it," said one of our school marms to a young scape-grace who had caused her much trouble by his bad conduct, "why is it you behaved so gratify the taste. To eat a hearty supper so disobedient now?" "Because," said young hopeful, looking up into the teacher's face, "I wasn't much acquainted then."

in: 'What are your prevailing diseases ere?' 'We have none,' he said—and he poke the truth.'' Everybody looks healthy, it is to be hoped that it will never be spoiled by being admitted into this excitable, quarelsome Union. spoke the truth."

13 A French doctor, at the end of a phi-(37) A French doctor, at the end of a philosophical profession of unfaith, proclaimed
his disbelief in a future state of existence,
and was thus answered by a lady: "I am
not surprised, doctor, at your materialism,
and that you should think your patients too
effectually killed ever to come to life again."

(37) A correspondent says he recently accused his milkman of giving the cows too
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nuch salt. The milkman asked: "How to you know how much salt I give them?" I judge from the appearance of the milk ou bring us lately. Salt makes the cown

do you know how much any do do you know how the appearance of the milk you bring us lately. Salt makes the cows dry, and then they drink too much water, and that makes their milk thin, you know."

"" "In England, no man thinks of blacking his own boots," said a haughty Briton, once, to Mr. Lincoln, whom he found polishing his calf-skin gaiters. "Whose boots does he black?" quietly responded Uncle Abe as he spit on the brush.

These Extracted.—Some years ago a Yankee invented a machine for extracting the lies from quack advertisements. Only the truth would come out of such a machine. If such a one could be applied to certain political papers, what a blessing it would be to the nation! Many of these papers, however, would be a total loss if put into such a hopper, for nothing would ever

bituminous coals contain considerable sulphur, which partially oxidizes during combustion and forms sulphurous acid gas, and this is very suffocating and injurious when breathed into the lungs. Sulphurous acid always escapes along with the other gases from burning coals.

It was supposed formerly that carbonic acid was a poisonous product, but it is now known not to be, but is, nevertheless, fatal ger to be feared from sharks. 'Not a mite, he replied; 'not a mite, never's been a shark seen here, sir, since them creeturs,' pointing to the ladies, 'took to the water—scared them all t'other side of Gay Head.'"

*** Hershel, the elder, when he lived at Cape Town showed a resident a remarkable blood-red star; and some little time after that he heard of a remoon preached; it have

that, he heard of a sermon preached in those parts, in which it was asserted that the preacher's views of Bible statements must be true, for that Sir J. Hershel had seen in

be true, for that Sir J. Hershel had seen in a telescope "the very place that wicked people go to."

"Is there a real progress in Christianity among those cannibals?" asked an old lady of her nephew, a roving sailor, who had just returned from a long cruise. "Yes, Aunt Hepzibah; they have got so now they can take their grog like Christians, and can't cat reast missioners without nint same."

can take their grog like Unritians, and can teat roast missionary without mint sauce."

The Chinaments.—Men, women and children in India decorate themselves with large quantities of heavy silver ornaments. This accounts for the drain of silver in that direction. Upon their dusky skins it appears to much more advantage than gold. RICE.-Rice, the great staple of

South Carolina, the culture of which was once confined to the river swamp lands, is now grown on the uplands. The seed of the swamp rice is used, and the grain raised compares favorably with that of the old rice fields. Pennsylvania has a greater length of

railroad than any other state. The first four are: Pennsylvania, 4,311 miles; Ohio, 3,398 miles; New York, 3,245 miles; Illinois, 3,224 miles. In 1860, Pennsylvania was the

fourth state, having only 2,598 miles.

The designs of the new United States postage stamps are described as follows:
The two cent stamp has for a vignette a mail carrier on horseback; the three cent, a mail train under steam; the five cent re-tains the miniature of Washington; the ten cent has a copy of the signing of the Decla-ration of Independence (from Trumbull's painting in the Rotunda of the Capitol;) nd the thirty cent, the Surrender of Corn-

wallis, from the picture by Trumbull.

†**POPULAR ERRORS.—To think that
the more a man eats the fatter and stronger the more a man eats the father and stronger he will become. To believe that the more hours children study the faster they learn. To conclude that, if exercise is good, the more violent it is the more good is done, To imagine that every hour taken from sleep is an hour gained. To act on the pre-sumption that the smallest room in the house is large enough to sleep in. To argue that whatever remedy causes one to feel that whatever remedy causes one to feel immediately better is good for the system, without regard to more ulterior effects. To eat without an appetite; or to continue to eat after it has been satisfied, merely to

mopeful, looking up into the teacher's face, who had not the happiness—and it was a happiness—of her intimacy. I am talking of Miss Edgeworth, and it is well worth all the weight of the years it obliges to have met and known her.

"I will not affirm that marriage could have spoiled such a nature, but I will say it could not have bettered it. Nor is it a small."

"I wasn't much acquainted then."

"I wasn't much

It is to be hoped that it will never be spoiled by being admitted into this excitable, quarrelsome Union.

**The You undertake to call men's thoughts and tongues to account for idle and gossiping talk, you will be like a swallow that undertakes to clear the evening air of all the summer insects that fly in it.

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SEEDS—600 bus Coverseed sold at \$470.7.75, according to quality. Timothy sells at \$50.7.20, for prime new. Flaxseed is selling at \$2,704.8, 75, a decline

cline WOOL_120,000 he sold in lots, at 55c for extra; 525c for fine; 5fc for one-half blood; 5th for one-quarter blood; 5th for one-quarter blood; 5th for for common; 60c,65c for tub; and 23c,55c 10 h for unwashed, as to quality.

PHILADELPHIA CATTLE MARKETS.

The supply of Beef Cattle during the past week amounted to about \$400 head. The prices realized from \$16,50 tells by 1.50 Cours brought from \$45 to 50 \$\psi\$ head. Sheep-10,000 head were disposed of at from \$50.50 pc \$\psi\$. \$500 Hogs sold at from \$15,50 to 14,50 \$\psi\$ 100 \$\psi\$.

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hell-bounds in chase of a spectral deer, use the great day of doom.

"Village gossips say that, at certain soon, especially upon the approach of a dreadful thunder-storm, he has been swith his hellish crew flying along the cloin full chase; and there is no more term comen of impending evil than the appears of the dread Wild Huntsman!"

"An idle superstition," returned the dent. "But I understand that the post grand warden is at present open to compution, the baron having lately died, leaved to the child than the beautiful Bertha Raubenzwold."

"An dhow—

"Village gossips say that, at certain stollars in the night, whose dulcet strains Do pierce my brains, suggesting canes and bootjacks for those sides of fur, How soft ye purr when the sum's rays the waking earth illume; But when the gloom of night falls like a veil, How swells each tail! And how—

And when is the day of trial ?"

"To-morrow."

"And are there many candidates?"

"Three Caspar, Wilhelm, and Killia Tather, I ahould say, two, since I hat Caspar has withdrawn his claim."

"He has," replied several of the I has, "replied several of the I has," replied several of the I has, "replied several of the I has," replied several of the I has look prima donna's voice is heard I has look prima donna's voice is heard.

"Yet, Hermann, he aiways had a sne ing liking for the fair young baroness," of the jagers remarked.
"That is true. It is passing strange the should lose an opportunity of winning had, rising to the very highest C, prise which he has coveted so long. In opinion, he is the only man who stand chance of competing with Withelm."

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"And when he does we wish him to silent," rejoined another, "for there is sor and Miss Falconer inquired when he was to thing so provoking in his callous, sneer come, thing so provoking in his callous, sneer come, the shade of th

ST. GEORGE AND THE DRAGON.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST BY ELIZABETH PRESCOTT,

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The next morning was devoted to a

sciemn consultation upon the arrangement of the musical and dramatic entertainment which was to give life to the Christmas holi-

The men were much more extravagant

Ye scratch, and kiss,

"He has," replied several of the In a long solo, well sustained, to rise, anders. "Yet, Hermann, he always had a sne A chorus gives the variations, a deep base

prise which he has coveted so long. In opinion, he is the only man who stance hance of competing with Withelm."

"Still, Hermann, you must own that I lian is a formidable rival; he's a dead she "Aye, when he keeps himself sober," turned the other, shaking his head.

"it is a hundred to one on Wilhelm. I wo not give a kreutser for Killian's chance.

"But what of this Caspar?" asked student. "What sort of person is he?" "Oh, a gloomy, morose fellow, whom hody likes, and most folks hold in aw was Hermann's reply. "Yet he is cern who wonderful shot. I never remen to have seen him miss the mark."

"Never—never," chorussed the jagers. "Yet he seldom displays his skill. I he is a mysterious person altogether; keeps aloof from society, and even when him to comrades."

"Responsible for the seldom speaks to any of comrades."

"In discord reigns, and frautic listeners throw the selost. The work has below. "That might be sung to the air of Robert, oh! my beloved!" said Miss Falconer, at the conclusion.

"There is one thing which we have not determined—who is to be the Count di Luna?"

"He is coming, then? Oh! I am so glad!"

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"He grandson," said Lord Fordham.

"I he would like Brignoli's. I should be horribly jealous of the part he is to sing with you, if for lon't know how many years. Stell, how you blush!"

said Estella.
"What! with Sainty to back you?"
"Mamma said that we must ask Ludy
England to take a part in something," said the grave Louisa.

"There's a part that would just suit her in the play," said her brother, "Rather spiteful, you know, begging your pardon,

Geralda."

"My feelings are not any too tender,"

"By the way, my fair cousin, you will have to do double duty, for I must and will have to do double duty, for I must and will have you play Mademoiselle d'Este to my Marquis de Lange."
"But I do not wish to monopolize," began

days. The piquant little opera of The Barber of Seville was proposed on the one part, and on the other a play of the time of Geralda.
"Oh! there is a chance for an infinity of

"Oh! there is a chance for an infinity of female characters, for there is the queen and her maids of honor, of whom you are one, you know, and Elliott will have to take a part, for no one can do the Count de Guiche but houself." Louis XIV.—to give an opportunity for a grand display of jewelry, Lord Fordham suggested, to the indignation of his sisters.

"The men were much more extravagant than the women at that time," said Miss Falcener. "Think of Buckingham's coat all sewn with pearls."

"That was in the preceding reign," said her brother.

"The extravagance was still greater in the time of the second Charles," said for abida, coming to the rescue, "and at a later period there was Prince Estechary and his diamond coat."

"Well, the women have it all their own way now," said his bordship, mischievously." No man in our day wears forty yards of slik expanded over a wire finne, or pays twenty guineas for a head-covering the size of the palm of my hand."

"No their money desapates itself in smoke from guinea cigars, or runs away on the legs of a fast horse, or is bottled up with a green seal and a label," said Gorabia.

"There is no use in disporting with a woman, because she case nat talk me."

"How we are wasting our time." said Miss Falcener. "Who is to be Rosina, the prima donna?"

"I should say the one with the best voice," said Lord Fordkam. "Each one sides and so the self-than that here was each a part talk me."

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k hair.

Wasn't Mademoiselle de Montijo, present

O Yes; the Deep Pond has a crust of some

O Yes; the Deep Pond has a crust of some yes and blonde harrase inches, "said Ectella, eagerly," and it is as smooth as glass, for the snow has all blown off from it press of the French, a Spaniard and inches

"How feelish we are to allow such an op-portunity to escape us?" said Geralia, She wen starting up and finging her wreath to the discovery from Robert the Devit There's whing enough in that for a feline serv-de. One, two, three, and begin ""All of us," said Estelia, beginning to dance around the room. "How foolish we are to allow such an op- greetings

said Estelia, beginning to her chilled

The sisters sang successively, very solemant, and with great painstaking, and then caronal the room.

"Wan't you join us, Sir Francis?" said durance.

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"Lord Fordham, as he was about to follow the huming tiple. That St. George was to dine at The Lardershee travestied with immittable expression to voice and manner of a popular prima on the voice and manner of a popular prima on the voice and manner of a popular prima on the voice and manner of a popular prima on the voice and manner of a popular prima on the voice and manner of a popular prima on the voice and manner of a popular prima on the voice and manner of a popular prima on the voice and manner of a popular prima on the voice and manner of a popular prima on the voice and manner of a popular prima on the voice and manner of a popular prima on the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and manner of a popular prima of the voice and the voice and the voice and the prima of the voice and the v donna.
"Brava! brava!" cried Lord Fordham, breaking off a piece of ivy that trailed from a hanging vase, and twisting it into an impromptu wreath for the songstress's head.
"Lecony ven.

at the window, watching, watching, with his heart growing every instant more leaden, his hands more key, his forchead flaming, until he saw his wife spring lightly by at Lord Fortham's sade, her glittering skates hanging upon his arm, and the white plumes of her hat blown towards the brown curls of his hair.

The walk to the Deep Pond was long

advise that you should take the part of the enough to deepen the red of their cheeks and make their eyes shine like the frosty rims which diamonded the brown nakedness "You will do whatever is necessary for the success of the opera," said her brother. "Am not I going to make a clown of myself The pond itself was broad. of the trees. The pend itself was broad, and lay in the hollow of some low hills run-ning up and among some brakes that pushed through the surface at the farther extremity, but just before them it lay dark and smooth, "Yes, owing to a supposed development of a suming genins. I have all the faminy parts foisted upon me."
"But you do it so splendially," said Frederica, "and oh." Geralda, he writes such fainly poetry.

"Postry" said her brother. "It is deggered, or rather, propy red."

"Cut-red in this case," said Frederica, for I am going to read that 'Ode to the Cata' to Geralda."

"Geralda."

"The sum to be far ther extremity, had no semblance of the narrow, nan-like the diamonds which shone like little sums in the diamonds which shone like little sums in the simulation of the encircling hills. Geraida buckled on her skates with an eager hand. She would not wait for Lord I ordinam, who had was fastoning the slemier straps around her pretty achies. The data expanse, the fresh, wild brose, the spen sky penetrated her with a sense of liberty which she had not fail under its weight, she prayed, knee with a sense of liberty which she had not fail under its weight, she prayed, knee with a sense of liberty which she had not fail under its weight, she prayed, knee with a sense of liberty which she had not fail under its weight, she prayed, knee with a sense of liberty which she had not fail under its weight, she prayed, knee with a sense of liberty which she had not fail under its weight, she prayed, knee with a sense of liberty which she had not semblance of the narrow, nan-like and no semblance of the sud sme robe; and the wide wick she wish had no semblance of the narrow, nan-like and no semblance of the narrow, nan-like and no semblance of the narrow, nan-like and the wide semanth had n

hell-hounds in chase of a spectral deer, u lighted his cigar, and Frederica read the state great day of doom.

"Village grassips any that, at certain a corn, especially upon the approach of a corn, especial them completely, wheeling in airy circles and darting hither and thither like a bird upon the wing. In vain Lord Fordham "stood upon his muscle." her light figure sped before him with a steady, unvarying motion, disappeared among the low growing bushes, skirted the shore, and shot into view far before him. "The 'fleet Camilla' was nothing to her,

said his lordship aloud, passing an instant to breathe himself.

"I quite agree with you," said a man's voice at his elbow, and wheeling on his skates he cried, "Why, Sainty Elliott, did you rise from the new!" you rise from the pond No more than you fell from the sky,

Charley. Who is yonder nymph?"
"A cousin of mine. I've been trying to
overtake her for a quarter of an hour. You

used to be a champion skater—let me see if A queer mode of introduction!" said the

"Wait," said Lord Fordham, balancing himself on his skates and taking a card from his pocket, on which he wrote a few lines, there's your letter of introduction.

"there's your letter of introduction. Now away, for the girls have scented you from afar, and come like valtures to the feast." Sainty nodded, pocketed the card, and shot over the shining surface. Geralda heard the ring of skates behind her, and doubled her speed; but the skater gained upon her, and she circled to confront him, intending by a sudden stack in his direcintending by a sudden stroke in his direc-tion to throw him off his course, and, as it were, "double on her own trail." The pursuer seemed to understand her manœuvre, and as she neared him sufficiently to perceive that he was not her cousin, by a quick side wheel he placed himself directly across her path, and raising his hat with one hand, ex-tended the written eard with the other. If Geralda had been that moment converted into ice she could not have stood in more frozen horror, staring with wild eyes at the handsome face set in its frame of black, curling hair, and illuminated by eyes as blue and brilliant as the sky above his head. The young man evidently thought her surprised by his presumption, for he again tendered the eard, which she took with a slight shiver, and read upon it

"I send Sainty Elliett to capture you

The horror went out of her face as she raised her eyes, but an inscrutable expres-sion filled them, and her voice trembled a little as she said, My cousin introduces you to me, but has

he told you my name?"
"No—he has not."
"Then I must introduce myself as Lady

Chalcedon

Leady Chalcedon! What, the—wife—of Francis Chalcedon!" Yes; do you know him—my—hus—

band?"

"I met him in London last season. Have
you never heard his daughter speak of St.
George Althorpe?"

The horror came into her face again, but could not banish the red which the wind had blown into her cheeks, or he might have recognized her, as she said slowly, as if forcing each word from between her icy

"They said your name was Elliott." "It is my grandmother's name, and as I was left in her care when a child, I insisted

was left in her care when a child, I insisted upon calling myself by her name, and was known by it during my boyhood, so that my companions of that period always speak to me and of me as Sainty Elliott."

Through the sudden anguish which scened to blot out the sunshine for Geralda, and to lower the sky like a leaden weight upon her head, while the ice seemed to shide from under her feet, there was relief in the thought that he did not recognize in her the woman to whom he had said "I love you," and whose written words, "Oh! my love—

voice," said Lord Fordham. "Each one sing a strain or two, and I will be majore."
A very good idea," said Geralda, "if you will exclude me. Rosina should have black hair."

"Didn't I hear some one say that some point in their clear sky, and while he ingered, in their clear sky, and while he ingered, cousin sounded bke that of a stranger, as he came to be side and asked her if she had review these said conditions, Geralda said, "Didn't I hear some one say that some point due to be side and asked her if she had been offended by his unceremonious introduction of Sainty Elliott as her pursuer and

and it is as that self-control which is the prerogative of as all blown some women; "you know I am a stranger, and I did not wish to intrude upon your first

She would not go back with him to where e was the centre of the laughing girls, but challenged him to a race group of girls, but challenged him to a race around the pend, and by this exercise sent

to prepare for the encounter.

She dressed for dinner with unusual care. tiful was natural and feminine, but her m powerful mative was to appear the very an tipodes of the pale woman in the widow's cap whom he had known. Certainly her Greek conflure, with the fair, flossy curls falling over the delicate brow, the golden waves crossed and divided by band purple velvet, was very different from old, close cap, and the rounded, bloom sarlet lips, and brilliant also unlike the pallid features wh folds had then enclosed. The volu-ds and rich lace of her long, train

am going to read that 'Ode to the Cats' to wild brock, the open sky penetrated her with a sense of liberty which she had not the smoke of a cigar."

Permission being given, Lord Fordham

The data expanse, the tresh, ser in the Psycho-glass, and that spe may happen, not fall under its weight, she prayed, kneeling, with chasped hands and bowel head, felt before since the assumption of her hated bonds. She could have cred with Caliban, "Perhaps," the hacienders continued, sparkling of her gems, and the glory of her beauty. (concluding in our next) the hour is nearer at hand than you suppose, "the open sky peneling its weight, she prayed, kneeling, with chasped hands and bowel head, ing, with chasped hands and bowel head, there is a vengeance we have not fall under its weight, she prayed, kneeling, with chasped hands and bowel head.

I will keep my oath."

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BY GUSTAVE AIMARD.

CHAPTER XI.

A CONVERSATION.

Among the persons present at the meeting, was one to whom we have not alluded, al-though he is destined to play an important part in this story, and who perhaps listened with more interest than anyone else to what was said. This person, to whom we have now to turn our attention, was Sotavento, the Indian mayor-domo, so liked by Don Annibal de Saidibar, and whose gloomy outline was described in our earlier chap-

Sotavento had not altered; nearly a dozen years had passed over his head without leav ing the slightest trace; his hair was still as black, his face as cold, and his person as upright. Indians have this peculiarity, that, whatever their age may be, they always seem young, and do not really begin to display any signs of decrepitude until they reach the last limits of old age.

We several times came across Red Skins who mentioned to us facts that occurred sixty years back, and yet they did not themselves look more than five and thirty. Moreover, it is impossible to fix with any certainty an Indian's age, even when his features bear the stamp of senility, for the simple reason that the savages do not try by any ceremony to fix in their minds the precise date of their children's birth, and limit themselves to recording, by the name they give them, at what spot, in what season, and under what physical or moral influence they are born; hence the names of plants, animals, rivers, mountains, etc., We several times came across Red Skins plants, animals, rivers, mountains, etc., which nearly all the Red Skins bear.

Sotavento, during the twelve years that ad clapsed, had not left his master. He had continued to serve him with such fidelity and devotion that the latter, in spite of his indomitable Castilian pride, had al-most come to regard his mayor-domo more as a friend than a servant, and to treat him ac cordingly. The conduct of this man, al-though still stamped with a certain mystery, had constantly been loyal, apparently at least, and under two critical circumstances he had bravely exposed his life to save his

Still, in spite of the proofs of devotion which could not be disputed, this man in-spired all those with whom chance brought him into contact (always excepting Don An-nibal) with a repagnance and antipathy which nothing could overcome; and, singu-lar to say, the better he was known and the longer, the less people liked him, and the more they tried to avoid having anything to do with him. Still, his manners were gentle, polite, even affable; he liked to do services, and eagerly seized every opportunity to be agreeable, even to persons who must be quite

indifferent to him.

Whence came this general repulsion for this man? no one could have said; it was instinctive; when people were near him they felt an emotion like that caused by the sight of a reptile. Don Annibal alone shrug-ged his shoulders with a smile of contempt when any doubts or fears were expressed in his presence about the character of the man whom he had made his confidant. Was he wrong or right? The conclusion will probably show.

The mayor-domo stepped unnoticed out of the hall after his master, and leaving the latter to go in search of Count de Melgosa, who had already reached the patio, and was about giving his servants the necessary or-ders for departure, he quietly entered the inner apartments, went through several rooms and reached an octagonal parlor of rooms and reached an octagonal parlor of small size, whose windows looked out on the huerta, which at that moment was filled with horses and armed men who had formed a temporary bivoure there. On reaching it the Indian looked searchingly around him, then, going to the door, bent his hody for-ward, and seemed to be listening.

"They are coming," he said to himself, almost immediately after

"They are coming," he said to himself, almost immediately after.

With one bound he reached the other end of the room, opened, with a key that hung from his neck by a thin steel chain, a door carefully concealed in the wall, took a final glance of singular meaning at the door of the room, and then disappeared, closing the panel, which moved noiselessly in a groove, at the very moment when Don Ann entered the room, accompanied by

Here," the haciendero said, pointing to a butacca, "we can converse at our ease, without fear of being disturbed by in-

While saying this, the count seated him-

"Oh, ob!" the haciendero remarked, with a smile, " is that your tone? I cannot beheve that you really intend to go away so speedily; it cannot be so, for the honor of my house. My dear count, old friends as we are must separate with mutual satisfaction, and when all the duties of hospitality have been strictly fulfilled."

"My dear Don Annibal, at the present day," the count said with reserve, "the du-ties of hospitality have become, I fear, very undertaken toward you. weak ties, and are not strong enough to re

not believe that," Don Annibal exclaimed warmly; "friendship has its unde-niable rights, and if fate has east us into two opposite parties, we ought only to es-teem each other the more for having followed our conviction

Unfortunately, Don Annibal, but few friendships resist political hatreds. How-ever great the affection may be we feel for a man, however powerful the sympathy we may have with him, when a community of thought no longer exists, when cverything separates you, indifference inevitably suc-ceeds friendship, and, as you know, from in-

difference to hatred is only a step."
"Which, I trust, you have not yet taken, my dear, count, for our friendship is one of those which nothing can weaken, as it rests on too solid a basis—an oath of vengeance which we took together—and which we have as yet been unable to accomplish, in spite of all our efforts,

The count's brow was contracted by a he marmured, "you are right,

Don Annibal; there is a vengeance we have

Father Pelagio replied

"Is that the truth, Don Annibal?" he exclaimed, suddenly starting up. "Shall we at length reach the object for which we have

at length reach the object for which we have so long been striving?"

"I hope so, Senor Conde; as I am more at liberty than you, and better situated to obtain information, I believe that I am at last on the track.

"Speak, Speak! What do you know, my friend?"

"Speaking to-day would perhaps be im-prudent. I do not wish to leave anything to chance; give me a few more days, and

then—"
"But," the count interrupted him passionately, "the insult I have to arenge is more serious than yours; my murdered brother, my boy carried off, perhaps killed, whose blood is incessantly crying out after their cowardly and barbarous murderers."
"And I have my wife, my well-beloved wife, who was rendered mad by terror, and my daughter, who escaped by a miracle from

my daughter, who escaped by a miracle from the frightful sting of a snake. Oh, believe me, count, I suffer as much as you, for all me, count, I suffer as much as jou, on my happiness has been for ever destroyed." There was a moment of painful silence. There was a moment of painful silence. The two gentlemen, lying back in their butaccas, with their heads buried in their

hands, remained plunged in gloomy and sor-rowful thoughts. At length the haciendero spoke.

"Still," he said, "on reflection, I think that it will be better both for you and me to come to a thorough understanding about the steps we mean to take, and arrange so that failure cannot be possible. But the conversation will be a long one; I have much information to impart to you, and so, my dear count, whether you like it or not, you must

count, whether you like it or not, you must defer your departure till to-morrow, and consent to pass the night beneath my roof."
"I am in a very exceptional position here, Don Annibal. The persons assembled in the hacienda at this moment have a right to regard me as an enemy, perhaps a spy. I should not like..."

count, whether you like it or not, you must

"That concerns me, my dear count. Thank heaven, the well-known honor of your character places you above all suspicion; and who knows, perhaps your stay here, however short it may be, will not prove

useless to the cause you serve."
"What do you mean? Pray explain yourself, my friend, for I do not understand

you."
"You will soon do so; but for the present I shall feel obliged by your not pressing the point."

the point."
"Very good; I will await a more propitious moment to obtain from you the double explanation you promise me." At this moment the door opened, and Don

Melchior appeared. He bowed.
"Well, Don Melchior, what good wind

"Well, Don Melchior, what good wind has brought you here?" Don Annibal asked with a smile.

"The Senor Conde's horses are ready, father," he replied; "his people are only awaiting his pleasure."

"Be good enough, my dear boy," the haciendero remarked, "to tell the criados to take his excellency's horses back to the stable, and to unload the mules. The count does not start to-night, but designs to spend it under our humble roof." it under our humble roof.

"Still—" the count objected.
"You have promised me," Don Annibal aid quickly.
""Well, be it so," said the count, with his

eyes fixed on the young man, who was standing respectfully in the doorway.

At a sign from the haciendero, Melchior bowed, and left the room. The count remained pensive for some moments, and then

turned to his host.

"Have you not your old mayor-domo?" he asked him.

"Certainly. Why do you ask the question

"I fancied that young man had taken his place."

'Oh, no! That young man is not even one of my servants."

'Ah!"

He is an orphan I have brought up. "It is strange that I should have never en him before." "I presume you never noticed him before

now."

"That is possible," the count said, suppressing a sigh, "still, it seems to me, I know not why, that had I seen him before, his face would not have passed out of my memory; there is something about it which

struck me. Have you had him long?"

"He was six years old, I believe, when
Sotavento brought him to me. Since that
time he has constantly been with me; he is, I think, of Indian origin, although his fea-tures are more marked than those of the Red Skins, and his complexion whiter; but that

"I assure you that I have nothing to say to you still, if you desire to exchange a few words with me while my servants are saddling the horses, it will afford me great pleasure."

While saving the continuous and the continuous anter; but that ings of breed are so frequent."

"That is true," the count murmured, as he passed his hand over his forehead, as if the drive away a painful thought: "foreign me, my friend in the border, where crossings of breed are so frequent." have appeared to you most indiscreet

' Not at all: I am greatly attached to this young man, who deserves in every respect all that I have done for him. Hence I can only feel flattered when others beside myself take an interest in him, for it proves that I was not deceived with respect to him. Now, that it is arranged you will not start

till to-morrow—"
"At sunrise," the count interrupted.
"Very good," the haciendero continued;
"permit me to discharge a mission I have

"A mission!" the count said with sur-"The word is perhaps very ambitious, but the matter is this—Father Pelagie wishes you to give him an interview for a few mi-

"Did I not see him just now, and did we not have a conversation?"

"That is true; but at the moment he was among too many persons to be able to have an explanation with your excellency, as he would have probably desired. "I do not know whether my instructions remit me to grant a confidential interview to the person to whom you allude; still, not to disoblige you, my dear Don Annibal, and prove to you how auxious I am to maintain the public tranquillity, I consent to the in-terview Father Pelagio asks, on the condi-tion however that you are present.

"Your excellency anticipates my wish," the priest said as he entered the room.
"You were listening to us, senor," the count remarked haughtily. tion, however, that you are present,

"Not at all, caballero; but, as I opened the door, I involuntary overheard your less sentence, and I did not think that I om-mitted any indiscretion in proving to you mitted any indiscretion in provin-

oath." "Very good, I am ready to sten to you; the haciendero continued, carer at hand than you sup-

An old woman!" cried Miss Falconer.

e you to be Figure F' said Geralda.

"What is their nature?"

"I am about to have the honor of explaining. We regret, as much as you do, caballero, the continued wretchedness which has weighed on our unbappy country for so many years, far from wishing to recommence the war, we desire, on the contrary, to obtain a durable peace, if it be possible; but, in order to gain this result, which is the object we desire, we must have the means of transmitting to his Excellency the Viceroy our respectful entreaties."

"Respectful?" the count interrupted ironically.

nically The priest bowed, and continued without

The prest bowed, and continued without seeming to notice the accent in which this word was uttered—

"We have, therefore, resolved on sending to the viceroy one of our friends intrusted with a humble petition, if you will consent, Senor Conde, to pledge your honor that this petition shall reach his excellency, and that whatever the viceroy's answer may be our petition shall reach his excellency, and that whatever the viceroy's answer may be, our ambassador will have nothing to fear, and be at liberty to go whither he pleases, with-out being troubled, so soon as his mission is

out being troubled, so soon as his mission is ended."

The count reflected for a moment.

"Listen," he said; "I know not whether rebels have the right to send ambasadors to the chiefs of the government they are combating. Still, as I sincerely desire peace, and as whatever may be the result of the contest, Spanish blood will flow on both sides, and as I wish, as far as depends on myself, to avoid a painful conflict, I pledge my honor, not to lead your envoy to his Excellency the Viceroy, as that is impossible, but to present him to the general commanding the province, who, for my sake, will treat him respectfully, and who, if your petition really contains quiet and respectful demands, will himself place it before his Excellency the Viceroy; such is the only thing I can undertake. If that suits you, very good; but it is impossible for me to do very good; but it is impossible for me to do

"Senor Conde, I expected no less from you, although what you offer does not quite come up to our expectations. Still, we eagerly accept your offer, as we desire to convince you of the frankness and loyalty of our intentions. To-morrow our envoy

will follow you."
"That is settled, senor." "That is settled, senor."
Father Pelagio bowed respectfully to the count, and withdrew. When Don Annibal found himself alone again with his friend, he begged him to follow him to the room which had been prepared for him, and both went out. The secret door gently opened, and Sotavento appeared, advancing cautiously, and looking anxiously around him. When he was certain that no one could surprise him, his eye flashed with a sinister gleam, and making a menacing gesture, he said in a hollow voice— "We shall see!"

CHAPTER XII. THE ENVOY.

After the count's somewhat precipitate After the count's somewhat precipitate retreat, and the mission intrusted to Don Annibal to detain him at the hacienda, if only for a few hours, the Mexican insurgents continued discussing in the hall the most fitting measures to obtain a speedy and good result for the new uprising which was preparing. Father Pelagio then informed the conspirators that this time the leaders of the revolutionary party wished to deal a heavy blow, and finish, at all risks, with the Spanish government. The secret societies spread over the country, and the recently-created masonic lodges, had, in a general meeting, elected as commander-in-chief of the national army Colonel Iturbide, whose well-known military talents were a guarantee of success.

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Colonel Iturbide, who was destined hereafter to proclaim himself emperor, under the name of Augustine I., and fall beneath the bullets of his own subjects, who con-demned him and nercilessly shot him, when demand him and mercilessly shot him, when he tried to regain the power he had allowed to slip from his grasp; Iturbide, we say, is the sole truly skillful statesman Mexico has produced since the revolution. He had served with distinction in the Spanish army, and had on several occasions displayed a devotion to the government which bordered on cruelty. Now that he was gained over to the revolution, nothing would arrest him in attaining the object of his secret ambition. This time the Mexicans wished to avoid a serious fault into which they had previously fallen, and which had not only fairly compromised their cause but almost ruined it. This was the circumstance: When, in 1814, the Spanish armies, beaten in every encoun-

the Spanish armies, beaten in every encounter, seemed on the point of giving up the game, and yielding to the revolutionary tur-moil, whose triumphant principles seemed solidly established on the territory of new Spain, General Morelos, at that time the most influential chief of the liberal party, whose ideas secretly inclined to a republic, established on the same basis as that of th United States, thought that the hour had arrived to convene a national congress.

rrived to convene a national congress.

This congress, at first composed of only a dozen members, began its session at Chim pancingo, where it promulgated decree upon decree; but the discussing power had scarce been established by side of the armed and acting power, ere, instead of combining their efforts for the triumph of the cause they had sworn to defend, they began con-tending together, each impeding the mea-sures they should have taken in common, and by a deplorable conflict destroyed their means of action. The congress tried to re-strict the power of the general-in-chief, and revented on every occasion his operations, that the latter found it almost impossible

These internal dissensions gave the Spanlards time to regain their courage. The Mexican republic was dead ere it lived, and the insurgents were obliged a second time to undergo the yoke from which they fancied

themselves for ever free.

As Colonel Iturbide and the chief of the As Colonel Itarbide and the chief of the liberal party were not yet quite ready to commence the insurrectionary movement, the great point was to wait, and, before all, gain time; for this Fray Pelagio only saw one plan; to send to the general commanding the province a messenger in order to make certain proposals, and bearing a res ful petition addressed to the vicercy. During the absence of this ambassador, resistance would be quietly organized, and they would be ready to act when the signal for revolt be ready to act when the signal for revok-was given by the chiefs. The conspirators enthusiastically applauded this proposal, which seemed to them fully to carry out the object proposed, namely, cheating the Spaniards. Still, when it came to select the

ambassador, serious difficulties arose.

Most of the persons present were rich hacienderos, long known to belong to the



THE SACRED COMPACT.

to undergo numerous annoyances either in their estates or their persons from the Spaniards, and they were not at all anxious to surrender themselves to the mercy of enemies whose summary treatment they were acquainted with. In fact, the Spanish generals made no scruple about hanging or shooting the insurgents who fell into their hands and there were no provided in the state of th shooting the insurgence who let into the hands, and there was no plausible reason for supposing that they would respect the person of an ambassador, sent by men whom they regarded as rebels, and with whom the law of nations and of war need not be fol-lowed. Consequently each found an excuse to escape the dangerous honor of being sent to the general.

to the general.

The question became difficult of solution.
Father Pelagio only saw around him long-drawn faces, which foreboded no good for the execution of his plan; he was, therefore, considerably embarrassed and did not see how to escape the difficulty when Don Aurelio suddenly came to his help at the nonnent when he least expected it. moment when he least expected it.
"Canarios!" the Mexican exclaimed, "it

"Canarios!" the Mexican exclaimed, "in must be allowed, caballeros, that we are pulling singular faces, and bear a strong likeness to the rats in Yriarte's fable, that wished to bell the sleeping cat."

In spite of the gravity of the situation, this sally was so true that it unwrinkled all the forcheads, and caused a general lauch.

laugh.

"In truth," Don Pelagio observed, " Dios me perdone, we look as if we did not know exactly what to recolve."
"Yet I fancy that nothing is easier than

"Yet I fancy that nothing is easier which choice we propose making."

"How so?" the priest asked.

"Whom do we want as ambassador? A true man; we are all so, I believe. Still this man must be through his position sufficiently free and independent to be able homeonly to fulfil the important mission in-

ciently free and independent to be able non-orally to fulfil the important mission in-trusted to him. Is it not so?"

"Yes, you are right," Fray Pelagio an-swered, not knowing what the haciendero

"No, Senor Don Oliver, that is more than sufficient; now I will leave you for a few moments, and settle matters with the

wished to arrive at.

All the company, puzzled in the highest degree, looked anxiously at Don Aurelio, unable to detect what the result would be. The latter continued quietly, as he laid his hands on the Sumach's shoulder, who, very indifferent to what was said, was carelessly listening to the discussion as he leant on his wife.

Spanish gentry, and am not at all anxion go and thrust my head down the wolf's throat out of bravado."

Father Pelagio at once perceived what advantage this plan possessed for everybody, hence he resolved to carry it out, and con-vince the adventurer, who, in fact, was the only man who could risk, owing to h insignificance, going to the Spanish authori-

You are mistaken, colonel," he said to the Canadian. the Canadian. "Don Aurelio's idea is an excellent one, and I gave you credit for such good sense that you will agree with me in a

'I doubt it hugely, caballero. I confess that I am curious to know how you will set about proving to me that I must go and be hanged or shot for the greater benefit of your cause," he answered with an ironical

Oh, that is very easy, colonel. Understand me thoroughly."
"Oh, I am all ears."

on, I am an ears.

"You alone can carry out this difficult duty, for the following reasons: in the first place you are a foreigner, a citizen of a country with which the Spanish government try with which the Spanish government would think twice before seeking a quar-rel; and then you are a colonel in our army. You may be sure that any insult offered to you will not be left unpunished, and that I, your general, will take an exemplary vengeance

"All that is very fine," the adventurer have just received, but also some savings of answered with a grin, "I allow that the Spaniards will be unable to confiscate my Spaniards will be unable to confiscate my property, for even if I possess any, it is, thank heaven, out of their reach. But they can imprison and even sheet me. That is of some importance, I suppose; and, once I am dead, will you restore me the life taken from me? What shall I care then for the more or less exemplary manner in which you avenge my death? I shall not be the less will be useless to me."

"What am I to do with it?"

"If I am killed by the Godos, I do not wish them to profit by my money. You will keep as much as you like, and send the rest on my old mother, you know where."

"I will send it all I shall not be deeless to me,"

to undergo numerous annoyances either in their estates or their persons from the Spaniards, and they were not at all anxious to surrender themselves to the mercy of "Hum!" the adventurer continued, "all of his head; "but who knows what turn matters will take?" "Well, up to the present we have no cause to grumble, I fancy."

this is not very clear; but how do you know that the count will assume this responsibility? you have not yet asked him the question.

question."

"No; but while your colonel's commission is being made out, and two months' advance are paid you for your outfit, I will go and speak to the count, and obtain his word that you shall incur no danger from the Spanish authorities, and that when your mission is completed, every security will be

mission is completed, every security will be granted for your safe return."

The adventurer scratched his head as if very far from convinced. It was plain that, in spite of his general's explanations and the fine promises, he did not particularly care for the mission confided to him. Still, at the expiration of a moment, he drew himself up with a determined air, shook his head several times as if to drive away a troublecome idea and said. troublesome idea, and said-

troublesome idea, and said—
"Well, well, I see that madmen must always be madmen; so deuce take fear. The
Spaniards, I suppose, are not more formidable than tigers; I shall not be sorry to have
a nearer look at them, and so I accept your
offer. When am I to start?"
"To-morrow, with the count: he will ea-

offer. When am I to start?"
"To-morrow, with the count; he will es-

cort you to the general."
"That is settled."
"Now, give your name to Don Aurelio Gutierrez, in order that your commission may be filled up, and your letter of credit written."

Good; my name is Oliver Clary, called the Sumach; this time I will not deny my name, for I believe that I shall see death pretty closely. I was born at Quebec, and I am thirty-two years of age. Is that enough, or do you want any further information.

"Do so, general, I trust to your pro-

"Depend on me."

And Father Pelagio left the room. The adventurer was at once surrounded by the conspirators, who warmly thanked him for his devotion to their cause, and the courage with which he was going to face an immission."

"What?" the adventurer exclaimed, starting as if a snake had stung him, "no jokes, if you please. If it be a joke, I warn you that I consider it a poor one."

"I am not joking at all, colonel," the haciendero continued with a gracious smile, "on the contrary, I am speaking very seriously."

"Nonsense my dear six." You the "Depend on me."

"Nonsense, my dear sir. Your idea may seem to you a good one, but, for my part, I consider it absurd and in every way impracticable. Hang it," he added, as he passed his hand round his neck, "I know the

"You know," he added, in a low voice, and with a smile, "that an ambassador must have eyes and ears; I trust to you to and see and hear all that it may be useful for us

Good, good, leave me alone, I will prove to the Gachupinos that the Godos are not the only clever people, and that the Canadians are descended from the Normans; they

will not catch a weasel asleep in me."
Father Pelagio exchanged a few more remarks with him, and then left, after wishing him success once again. The two Canadians then left the house and proceeded to the then left the house and proceeded to the garden, where they sought the most secluded On reaching one, where they did not

fear being overheard, they stopped and sat down side by side on the ground. "Friend Moonshine," the adventurer said, "I have brought you here because I wish to

ask a service of you."
'I suspected it; speak, Oliver, you know
that I am ready to do everything you wish."
'I do not know how I let myself be humbugged into accepting this confounded em-bassy, in which there are ninety chances in a hundred that I shall lose my hide; but what is done cannot be undone. Listen to what is done cannot be undone. Listen to me: during my absence you will take the command of my men, and I will give them orders to obey you as myself." Moonshine gave a nod of assent,

"Now," the adventurer continued, "take this belt; it contains not only the gold I

my own."
"What am I to do with it?"

"It is true that we have succeeded in everything; my measures were so well taken that, without exciting the slightest suspi-

cion, we managed to gain the very thing we aimed at; but we must wait for the end."
"Nonsense; we shall succeed; set your mind at rest about that, Sumach. Besides, our project is most honorable, as we wish to render a service to people to whom we do not owe the slightest obligation, and whom we do not even know."

"That is true, Well, let us trust to heaven, the lest word."

we do not even know."

"That is true. Well, let us trust to heaven. One last word."

"Out with it."

"Distrust that cunning-looking mayordome. I know not why, but he inspires me with an invincible repulsion."

"All right; I will watch him."

"Very good: now let us go to dinner."

The two men rose and went back to the house as quiet and careless as if they had been conversing about indifferent matters. Immediately after dinner, the adventurer assembled his comrades, ordered them to recognize Moonshine as their chief during his absence, and then all his affairs being thus settled, he wrapped himself in his zarape, lay down on the ground, and almost immelay down on the ground, and almost imme diately fell asleep.

CHAPTER XIII.

DON MELCHIOR DIAL.

Don Melchior Diaz's name has several times already slipped from our pen; the reader has been introduced to him, but up reader has been introduced to him, but up to the present we have not yet positively ex-plained who he is or in what way he suc-ceeded in gaining the position he occupies in the Saldibar family. The moment has arrived to make this known, and acquaint the reader with certain events most impor-tant for a proper understanding of coming facts.

When Sotavento handed over to Don An nibal de Saldibar the child saved from the general massacre of the Indian tribe, there was a fact which the mayor-domo passed over in silence. It was, that the lad whom he declared to have recovered from the la-dians, had been simply confided to him by a white hunter, to whom he had scarce spoken, and who said to him at the same time as he handed him a bag of gold dust, which the mayor done did not think it necessary to mention either, as he doubtless preferred to appear thoroughly disinterested in his mas

"This child is born of white parents: on

day he will be reclaimed; tell Don Annibal to take the greatest care of him." Sotavento scented a mystery under these Sotavento scented a mystery under these hints, and in the prospect of some profit to be made at a later date, kept to himself the hunter's remarks, and told his master some sort of story, which the latter believed, through the slight importance he attached to it. The lad had, therefore, been unhesitatingly accepted by Don Annibal, and brought up in the family for the first five years. The haciendero paid but little atten-tion to him, amusing himself at times with his sallies, but taking very slight interest in years. him, and regarding him rather as a servant than as a member of the family destined to acquire considerable importance

Don Aurelio, when he narrated to his companions the facts which caused Dona Emilia's insanity and the events that followed, had been unable to tell more than everybody knew, and comment on these events from his own point of sight. But a secret was kept in the inner circle of the family which Don Annibal was more careful not to permit to transpire, and which, con sequently, Don Aurelio was ignorant of. The secret was this: Dona Emilia was not cured; her madness still endured; still this madness had become, so to speak, intermittent, and only made its appearance at set-tled intervals; but then her attacks acquired such strength that they became irresistible and any constraint placed at such a moment n the patient's volition would infallibly

Don Annibal, as we have said, adored his vife. Several times he tried to calm her; he even went so far as to try and prevent her leaving the hacienda. But ther frightful scenes occurred. Dona Emilia fell into such hurrible convulsions at the mere thought of not acting as she liked, that Don Annihal was obliged to restore her liberty.

Dona Emilia when these attacks came upon
her became a lioness; she had but one
thought, one purpose, torush in pursuit of the
Indians, and pittlessly massacre them. Singular anomaly of the human heart, especially
n a mild, kind, third woman, whom the gular anomaly of the human heart, especially in a mild, kind, timid woman, whom the slightest pain caused to faint, and who, in stically applauded this proposal, am dead, will you restore me the life taken for the comment to them fully to carry out its proposed, namely, cheating the common proposed, namely, cheating to faint, and who, in for if those brigands of spaniards assassinate or instruction namely, cheating the common proposed, namely, cheating the common proposed to the common proposed, namely, cheating the common proposed to the common pr

share her ideas, at least in obtaining from

her a passive and absolute obedience.

Melchier brought up, so to speak, haphazard at the bacionda, had, through the inhazard at the bacienda, had, through the instinct of protecting insate in man, attached himself to Dona Diana, whom he saw sad, sickly, and suffering. Dona Diana, for her part, felt pity for the poor orphan, and from this mutual sympathy sprang a friendship which years had only consolidated by rendering it warmer. Don Annibal and Dona Emilia both saw with pleasure this affection spring up between the children, though from different motives. Don Annibal, who would not for anything in the world have would not for anything in the world have thwarted his wife's ideas, saw with delight this boy grow up who, at a given moment, might become her defender and safeguard in her mad expeditions against the Indians; while Dona Emilia, reasoning from an entirely different point of view, though she attained the same result, saw in him a devoted and most useful ally in these same

expeditions.

The result of this tacit understanding be-

The result of this tacit understanding between husband and wife was that the boy, at first abandoned to his instincts, was watched with greater care, brought up as he deserved to be, and at last gradually regarded as a member of the family. Let us heaten to add that Don Melchior was in every respect deserving of the kindness shown him. He was a thoughtful, earnest lad, with an honest heart and firm will, who could thoroughly appreciate all that was done for his future well-being.

When the boy became a man, he was taken naturally into Dona Emilia's intimacy, and associated in all her plans. Don Annibal, delighted at this result, and trusting in the young man, whose good sentiments he had reason for believing he knew, felt relieved from a heavy burden; and when his wife, attacked by one of her fits, attempted one of her hazardous excursions, he saw her start with less terror, as he felt convinced that she had a devoted defender by her side. But a thing happened which neither husband nor wife had foreseen. The two young people, brought up side by side, living constantly together, accustomed to interchange their most secret thoughts and ideas, passed by an imperceptible incline, without either perceiving or suspecting it, from friendship to love. Love in these two young, ignorant hearts, which were pure from any wrong sentiment, must necessarily young, ignorant hearts, which were pure from any wrong sentiment, must necessarily be deep, irresistible, and produce the effect

be deep, irresistible, and produce the effect of a thunderholt.

This is what occurred: the two young people, instead of trying to resist the new feeling which was germinating in their hearts and growing so rapidly, yielded to it with that simple confidence which ignorance alone can give, and which converts love into a divine sentiment. Long before they had made a mutual avowal, they understood each other by a glance, and knew that they were henceforth attached to each other.

One day Dona Diana approached Melchior, who, with his shoulder leant against a su-mach, was listlessly watching a flight of

who, with his shoulder leant against a sumach, was listlessly watching a flight of wild pigeous passing over his head. The young man was so absorbed in thought that he did not hear the maiden's light step, as her dainty feet made the sand of the walk she was following creak. It was only when her hand was laid on his shoulder that, recalled to earth from heaven, he started as if he had received an electric shock, turned suddenly, and fixed his eyes on Dona Diana. The young lady smiled.

"Were you dreaming?" she asked.

"Yes," he replied with a sigh; "I was dreaming, Nina."

She mechanically raised her eyes to the sky.

sky. Of those birds, doubtless? Did they

"Of those birds, doubtless? Did they bring you a hope or a regret?"
Melchior shook his head.

"Neither one nor the other," he said sorrowfully. "I have no regrets, and my sole hope is here."

The young lady looked down with a blush. There was a silence for some minutes, filled with ineffable melody for these young hearts; the lad was the first to meak.

the lad was the first to speak.

"Alas!" he said, in a low and timid voice,
"regrets are not made for me; what am I,
save a lost child, whose color is not even decided? Can I regret a family I do not
know?"

"Yes, that is true," she answered, with a

roguish smile; "but you have a hope."
"A mad hope, an insensate dream, which
the re-awakening of reason will utterly dispel," he said with feverish animation.
"You are deceived or wish to deceive
me," she said, with some sternness in her

oice; "that is not right, Melchior."
"Senorita—" he stammered.
The maiden walked softly up to him. We were brought up together," she said him in a gentle and penetrating voice, "we grew up together, ever equally sharing our joys and sorrows; "is that true, Mei-chior?"

'It is," he murmured faintly. Why, then," she continued, "have you come so taciturn during the last few days? why do you shan me? why do you fly on my

You, brother, who ought to keep nothing hidden from me.

Oh "I repeat that you ought to keep nothing from me, for I am your oldest, perhaps your only friend.

It is true, oh! it is true, Diana," he exclaimed, as he clasped his hands with pas-sionate fervor, "you are my only friend." Why then keep a secret from me

" A secret " he exclaimed as he recoiled Yes, a secret; and I have discovered it, though you fancied you had locked it up in

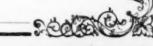
The young man turned pale.
"Oh! take care, Nina," he exclaimed,
this secret I dare not confess to my-That is the very reason why I discover-

Melchior," she answered, with an adorable expression.

Oh' it is impossible, Diana; you cannot

That you love me!" she interrupted with an outburst. "Why not, since I him with an outburst.

And she gazed at him with the sublime confidence of a chaste and true love—that divine and fugitive beam which God, in His ineffable goodness, only allows to shine in innocent and candid hearts. The young lover tothered like a drunken man; for a moment he thought he must be dreaming.



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covered with burning kisses.

"Rise, Melchior," she said to him, with
considerable emotion. "Rise, my beloved.
Let this holy love which binds us, and which we have mutually confessed, remain a secret from everybody. A day will come, and coon, I hope, when we shall be permitted to preclaim it openly; but till then let us hide

our happiness."

The young man rose.
"I love you, Diana," he said. "I am your slave; order me, and I will obey."
"Alas, my beloved," she continued, with a said shake of her head, "I can give you no orders, entreaty alone is permitted me."
"Oh, speak, speak, Diana," he exclaimed.
The maiden passed her arm through his with a sanguine, childish confidence.
"Come," she said, "secompany me a few paces, and we will talk about my mother."
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maid nothing. "Poor mother!" Diana murmured.

"Oh, yes, most unhappy," the young man remarked with a sigh.
"I think you love my mother, dearest?" Is it not to her that I am indebted for

what I am "" Listen to me, Melchior," she said, reso "Listen to me, Melchior," she said, reao-lutely; "we love each other, and some day you will be my husband; for I swear to you that I will never have another. As you see, I epeak frankly and holdly, more so, per-haps, than a girl of my sage and position ought to do; but you are an honorable man, and will never abuse the confession I have

Thanks," he said, simply. "Speak,

"Thanks," he said, simply. "Speak, Diana, speak. Your words are engraved in letters of fire on my heart."
"It is well, my friend. You, my mother, and my father, occupy all my affections. It is a holy trivity, to which I will never break faith. You know in what a horrible position my mother finds herself, and what fearful hallucinations seize upon her."

Well! swear to me that whatever may "Well's swear to me that whatever may occur, you will never fail in the mission I have taken on myself, and of which I con-fide to you one-half from this day; swear to me that, under all circumstances, you will remain by her wide to defend her, and die me that, under all circumstances, you will
remain by her side to defend her, and die
for her if it must be so. At this price, I
repeat to you, Melchior, at this price my
love is yours forever; and no other man but
yourself shall ever be my husband."

The young man tried to interrupt her;
but she imposed silence on him by a sudden
and peremptory gesture, and continued—
"Oh! I know what a frightful sacrifice I
"Oh! I know what a lightful sacrifice I

impose on you, brother; but I, who am but a girl, still a child I may say, endure with-out complaining, all the consequences of these ferocious acts of vengeance dare not qualify as madness. Alas, Melchior, the fearful disease to which my poor mother is condemned dates from the period of my birth Tam, so to speak, the innocent cause of it; hence it is my duly to sacrifice my-self, whatever it may cost me, in order to try if possible to relieve her frightful sufbrother, that the day must arrive when the Red Skins will take their revenge for my mother's implacable expeditions. But then, if I succumb, I shall at least fall with the incomparable satisfaction of having done my duty by sacrificing myself for her to whom I

owe my life.

Dismiss such gloomy thoughts, Diana.

Your mother is growing calmer with age.

The expeditions, as you know, are more and

have my word, and my life belongs to you and to your mother; employ it as a thing that is your own. On the day when I lose it in serving you and saving you from sorrow. I shall be the happiest of men."

"Thanks, Meichior; I knew that I could recken on you. Your generous words restore the courage which was fast deserting use. I will not break down in the task I have imposed on myself; henceforth we belong to one another, no matter what obstacles may arise."

"Ganting that she is in the city, and that you can find her after a time, what will that benefit you?"

"Will you not restore my daughter to me?"

"No"

"And why not?"

"She will retain the child unharmed, until she find that you have played me false, or murdered me. Then it would be too late, even if you were within sound of your Lot."

From this day the compact was made between the young people—a sacred compact, which neither broke, and which was fated to have terrible consequences for them at a But an invisible witness had eveheard their conversation. This witness whom they had not seen gliding like a snake through the shrubs, and listening to all their remarks with the greatest attention, was Pe-Setavente, mayor dome of the hacienda What interest had this man in thus over-hearing their conversation? He alone knew; for beneath an affable and inoffensive appearance, he concealed a deeply ulcerated heart, and evidently followed a plan re-solved on long before, the realization of which would burst like a thunder-clap upon those whose rain he had so long mediated

Setavento kept to himself his knowledge of the love of the young people, which he had so treacherously surprised. He never ventured, in their presence, on the slightest n which might lead them to suspect that he was aware of it. On the contrary, he increased his politeness towards Melchior, and seemed trying, by overtures adroitly made each time an opportunity offered, to gain his confidence. This, however, let us for the young man feit for the worthy steward an instinctive and invincible aver-sion, which stopped in his throat a confes-sion be was several times on the point of making to him TO BE CONTINUED.

" DO STEAMBOATS RUN ABOVE OMAHA?" Not long ago, the President of a New York bank inquired of a Western friend, "Do steamboats run above Omalia?" An exchange makes this question the basis of an entertaining article. And it may not be fully realized by others, besides the President of that bank, that steamers do run twenty-three hundred and sixty-eight miles above Omaha, diagonally across Dakota, into the very heart of Montana, to Fort Benton. The Eastern conception of the extent and rapid growth of the West is very vague. A good investment for every family would be made by purchasing one of the latest and best of the United States, and spending a hour every evening in social study of

"But what shall I do with Corrientes?"
"While the attention of the rabble is atracted toward the first carriage, believing it to contain the robber, you can have that villain taken into a second carriage and driven rapidly away to the dungeons of St. Marguerite. Once there, we can mould him to our purpose by torture."
"Your plan is a good one, and shall be

cted upon."

St. Rosa was at once conducted into a car-

riage, and driven rapidly away, while several of the guard rode after the vehicle, and others advanced in different directions, pro-claiming in a loud voice, that Durango had given back the life of Corrienter, on acnt of his brave and noble act in saving

were giving vent to their satisfaction by loud cheering, another carriage had been brought up, and the patriot thrust into it. It was then driven rapidly away, and the officials believed it to be unnoticed.

But scarcely had the vehicle left the scaf-ld before a horseman followed it, although he rode along with apparent unconcern, and lagged a considerable distance in the rear.

He plainly saw Diego as he entered the dismal prison, and in passing, he heard the clanking of the heavy door as it closed upon

square. The sight which met his gaze was a sad one. The killed and wounded—those who had been so brutally cut down by the guard—were being gathered up by their surviving friends. But sorrow was not the only emotion felt

by them. A feeling of revenge was burn-ing within their breasts, and some of them gave vent to curses. Others even expressed a determination to join the band of Corri-entez, and to assist that leader in his effort to overthrow the oppressors of Mexico; and his name was called, at first in low tones, and then louder and louder, until the sound became as rolling thunder.

"Corrienter cannot asswer you; he is a

"Corrientez cannot answer you; he is a prisoner in the dungeons of St. Marguerite," exclaimed the horseman, addressing those

standing near him.

He then explained what he had heard and seen. It embraced an exposition of the de-ception practiced by Durango; and rapidly the tidings flew that Corrientez had only been spared from the scaffold, in order that he might suffer death in a more horrible manner-by torture

CHAPTER IV.

IN THE DUNGEONS.

As soon as Corrientez was secure within the prison-walls, a feeling of relief came over Durango. But he now felt a more bitter hatred towards the man than he had ever done before, and he was fully resolved to triumph in this present instance. He at once ordered the heaviest chains upon

ferings, which, in the paroxysm of a horrible crisis, will perhaps cutail my death and bers; for I do not conceal from myself, ly guarded, and to permit no one to leave

the city, no matter under what pretext, without a written order from himself.

Then he explained to Diego the deception he had practised upon the people, and said, "Your death is now certain. Still you may save yourself from torture

"In what manner?" asked Diego.
"You assure me that your wife has my child in her possession."
"I assure you that she has."
"And you know where she is to be

The expeditions, as you knew, are more and more rare, the attacks less frequent, and soon, perhaps, we shall have the happiness of seeing them entirely disappear."

"I dare not flatter myself with that hope, my dear Melcheir. No, no. Unless a miracle occurs, my mother will fall a victim to her monomania for vengeance on the Red Skins."

"Mad you know where she is to be found?"

"Yes; at the mouth of the volcano."

"I have been thinking of this, and I know that you are speaking falsely. It would be impossible for any person to approach the crater during this cruption. It may be that my child is in the possession of your wife. I have no doubt that such is the case. But I feel confident that she is somewhere in the city."

"Ganting that she has."

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"Will you expla "Certainly, for dwell upon them, for it gives me pleasure to

In the first place you shall tell me where I can find your wife.

"Are you sure I will do this?"
"I am sure of one out of two things. You will be at once subjected to the most terrible torture. I know that you are a determined man, and would bear much; but I think you will be glad to do all that I wish before I am

What if I do not give you the informa-

tion you want?"
"Then you will meet death in its most horrible form." "Certainly, if you murder me: but there then will be an end to the possibility of my

giving you any information."
"It is a matter of indifference to me whe ther you do so or not. I torture you more for revenge than anything else. I shall find my thild, you may be sure of that."

How will you do it?" "If at once you give me such information as will lead to the immediate recovery of Lettie, I will not subject you to torture, but simply order your execution by hanging you do not do this, as soon as you are dead, I will have it so proclaimed in the public streets. I will also have it given out that if streets. I will also have it given out that if your wife will bring my daughter to me she shall not be harmed, but shall receive her own in exchange. When she learns that you are dead, she may feel like being revenged upon me, but she will not carry that revenge far as to sacrifice her own infant, by de

stroying mine."
"You may be right so far as the mother's
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"You may be right so far as the mother's feelings are concerned. But she will act upon her judgment, and not be guided by the dictates of her heart."

"What do you mean by judgment?"

"She knows that you are a merciless monster. She knows, also, that your word cannot be relied upon. She would expect that you would play her false. You would promise an exchange, and that she should not be harmed; but the instant she placed herself in your pewer, you would violate your word, imprison, or perhaps murder her, and word, imprison, or perhaps murder her, and

act, she would feel that the left her, and she would have it."

I shall run the venture, at all events.

Men, place this wretch upon the rack at the left had no second.

The minions of Durango needed no see The minions of Durango needed no second bidding. They were fiends who delighted in human suffering. The cries of agony, which were often wrung from suffering humanity, was music to their ears. The streams of blood which sometimes ran from the block, had nothing of horror in it for them. The agonized throes of the dying were only mocked by these incarnate devils.

They seized upon Diego at once, and applied the pulleys to his joints until they cracked, and appeared ready to part.
But the victim did not even mean.
For two hours the torture continued.

as she again raised the child, and cried-

"A messenger has gone for your child," replied Durago. "It will be here in five

promises to me

'Yes-seize her."

his side, and exclaimed-

she had recovered.

The instant she saw Diego, she rushed to

"Oh, my husband, they have triumphed, and we are lost."
"Our child?"

CHAPTER VI.

CONCLUSION.

Every manner of punishment, was indicted upon him, but still the man remained firm, although the blood had forsaken his cheeks, and the agonies of death were pictured in his expression.

As each new form of torture was applied. the question was asked: "Will you give the information we require?"

At first the answer was firm, and ever defiant; but as each subsequent reply was given, the voice became weaker, and finally the lips moved, but no sound came from them

The sufferer appeared to be conscious of this, and he gave his negative reply by shake of his head. It was evident the vice

tim could not endure much more.

At this instant, a messenger entered hastily, and whispered a few words to Du-

rango.

The villain instantly ordered that the torture should cease, and Diego was removed to a couch; and restoratives applied to him. Soon he so far recovered as to be able to speak. Observing this, Durango said-

'I spare you but for a short time. You shall learn presently my reasons for doing

"I can judge that your motive is a selfish one." It is simply to render my revenge the more complete,

" How so ? "How so,"
"By allowing you to gaze upon my triumph before I draw your last drop of blood
from your heart." Then turning to the messenger, he said: "The guards are ready, I
suppose!"

suppose!"
"They are all ready."
"Lead on —I will follow you. Corrientez,
I will return here in an hour, and I will show
you an interesting sight."

CHAPTER V.

THE PATRIOT'S WIFE.

The merciless wretch left the prison, and The merculess wreten left the prison, and sprang into a carriage, ordering that he should be driven to a building which ad-joined the Capitol. As they proceeded, Du-rango asked of the messenger— "How did you happen to discover the

"It was in this way: I was passing your

mansion this morning, and when upon the opposite side of the street. I have a person, who appeared to be a boy, coming out of your door. He held a child in his arms. I don't know that this would have attracted my attention at all, but from the fact that I saw the child had no covering upon its head. Well, after being once thus attracted, and my suspicious aroused, I saw that the boy appeared to be in a very great hurry, and that he made an effort to conceal the child."

"Oh, the villain!"

"Then I became satisfied that the child-thief, as I believed the person to be, was a woman in disguise."

Yes, it was the wife of Corrientez." "Of course I resolved to follow the thief I saw her enter the main hall of the Capitol.
I was close upon her heels. She ascended to the attic, and then passed through the

scuttle on the roof.
"I ascended the ladder and peered through
the opening, just in time to see her disap-pear down the scuttle of the next building,

which was unoccupied."
"I remember the building."
"I then crept to the scuttle and listened.
I heard her close a door, and then I could hear her steps in one of the atic-rooms. I also heard the child cry."

Did you not notify the police at once?"
No, I had other views."

"What were they "I confess I had an eye to the reward you would be willing to pay for the re-covery of your child and the detection of the thief

"Well, what did you do?"
"Not caring to share that reward with

"Not caring to share that reward with any person, I resolved to manage the matter myself. I went into the square, and glancing up, I saw the woman at the window, I then made all possible haste to your mansion, but you were not there."

"Did you tell my wife that you knew where the child could be found?"

"I did not. I contented myself simply with ascertaining the fact that you had lost with ascertaining the fact that you had lost a daughter. I sought for you at once, but

you were so much engaged upon the scaf-fold, that I could not gain your attention, and resolved to wait. "In the meantime, the woman might we escaped."

have escaped."

"I was careful about that. I saw that she did not leave the window. When you left the scaffold, I lost sight of you, but at length succeeded in finding you here."

"Are you sure the woman is still in the hores."

"Yes, for I have set a guard around it."

By this time the building was reached, and Durango sprang out of the carriage. He gave directions for some of his guards to cend to the roof, and then he entered the front-door. Stationing men in every room and hall, as he advanced, he finally reached the attic. Just as he did so his eyes fell upon the woman. She held the child in her arms, and was rapidly climbing up a ladder towards the roof.

Stop her, seize her !" shrieked Durango, rushing after her. He reached the roof, but saw that Cora had rushed past the guard, and was now standing upon the very verge of the roof.

Durange advanced toward the woman, but she raised the little one high above her head, as if she was about to hurl it forward into

"Stop! Don't advance another step, or ou will have no more a daughter." "What would you have with me!" "Bring me my child, and then you may ave your own."

Diego?"
"Yes, we will—we will!"
"Yes, we will—we will!"
See "Look around you. See your murdered friends. If Corrientez were ruler, such scenes as this would no more disgrace our land."

her with her husband. Shall we

No-no!" cried the populace."

'Corrientez shall be our ruler, let us haste to his rescue "But the guard will come upon us,"
"Let them come! We will show them
that we are no longer slaves. Lead us on."

At this instant Lazaro Arispe saw the sol-diers bringing the children of Durango and Diego along the street. They turned to-

wards the mansion. "Let us rescue the child and return it to its mother," cried Lazaro, as he rushed for-ward, sword in hand. He had now fully aroused the citizens, and

with frantic shrieks they followed him. The children were both seized, and those who bore them stricken down. By this time the guard had collected, and they made a furious charge among the peo-ple. But they now met a determined foe, and not a craven rabble.

The struggle became a desperate one. The blows of the soldiers were given with fearful results, and as each man fell under the steel, a defiant shout was sent back, and a guard stricken to the earth. The people appeared to be fairly maddened, and they never thought of yielding.

At length the soldiers saw that more than half their numbers had fallen, and they be-came panic-stricken. Turning, they fled from the square, leaving the rabble, whom they so detested, and professed to despise, the victors

as if she was the street, and cried—

"Stop! Don't advance another step, or Like giant billows, that mass of human

Like giant billows, that mass of human

beings surged towards the dungeons of St. Marguerite, their shricks rending the air. Mingled with their cries, the name of Duhave your own."

"Don't kill me, please, don't kill me," rango was uttered, and vengeance against

sobbed the little girl, as she put up her hands in an imploring manner. Cora clasped the little innocent creature to her bosom, and replied— "No, my darling angel, you have nothing to fear from me. I would die ten thousand deaths, if it were fossible to do so, and even lose my own child, before I would harm you.

ered.
The instant Cora saw her child, she caught it in her arms with a cry of wild delight. She also received little Lettie, who now clung to the woman for protection in her

Diego was instantly released.
"Where are my guards?" shouted Durango, as he saw the infuriated mass of hu-

It is hard to be compelled to use you as a weapon to coerce your villainous father, but heaven will pardon me for doing it; and so will you when you are old enough to understand a mother's heart."

Those around did not hear these words, for they were speken in a very low tone, but man beings rushing upon him.

But in an instant the wretch was seized. for they were spoken in a very low tone, but the manner of the woman instantly changed, groaned, he shrieked, and he struggled,

but all to no purpose,
"To the scaffold with the wretch!" arose "Bring me my baby, ye monsters, and do it quickly, or you may be too late. I am half-maddened, and I know not what I may

the cry.

Back the crowd went, dragging the tyrant with them. He begged, he prayed, and wept, but his prayers and tears availed him othing.
Upon the scaffold he was dragged, and the

rope was placed around his neck.
"Up with the villain!" was the cry.
"God have mercy upon me!" shricked the

inutes."
"And when we have exchanged, what ction will you take?" "With regard to what?"
"First, my husband; will you release doomed man. Those were the last words he ever uttered,

for, in an instant after, he was dangling in "I have already done so."
"And myself and child?"
"You shall be free to go wherever you When all was over, a weeping woman came to Cora Corrientez, and falling on her knees, she lifted her hands, and in a voice of an-

At this moment a soldier came upon the guish, exclaimed—
"I am busbandless; but, oh! do not tell
me that I am childless, too."
"You are Bertha Durango, the mother of oof. He bore an infant in his arms, and e held it toward the mother.

little Lettie ?'

Poor Cora uttered a cry of joy, and spring-ing forward, she threw little Lettic into the arms of her father, and then, catching her own infant, she clasped it convulsively to her breast, and sinking down, she burst into For a moment Durango regarded her in

"You are Bertha Durango, the mother of little Lettie?"

"Yes—oh! yes."

"You need not grieve. I have been child-less for only a few hours, but I have suffered an age of misery during that short period. I know a mother's love and have a mother's heart. Your child awaits you. Come, and it shall soon be in your arms."

Little more need be related.

Diego Corrientez recovered at length from his grievous injuries, and, when the war for Mexican Independence came, joined the Patriot army against the Spaniards. And as he had been driven to a wild life by oppression, so when the day of Freedom dawned, he became an orderly, industrious, and reputable citizen. A blessed thing it would be for Mexico, if all of her sons were as brave in war, and order-loving in peace, as Diego Corrientez. silence, and then he said—
"Seize her, and drag her to the dungeons of the St. Marguerite. Tear the child from her and pitch it into the street. Away with Cora sprang to her feet. Her eyes glared iddly, and she cried—
"Wretch, is this the way you keep your "Yes.—seize her."

The little innocent was again torn from its mother's arms. That mother struggled in very desperation, while her shricks rent the air. Then she became unconvoious. In this condition the poor creature was conveyed to the prison where her husband was held. But by the time she arrived there, she held recovered.

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"And you did this?" "It was done by my orders."
"And your own child?"
"My child has been recovered, and is now safe at my mansion, and with its mother."
"Why have you brought my wife here?"
"To permit her to witness your death.
After you are gone, then will come her turn.
Do your work, men. I will learn these
wretches to cross the path of Pedro Du-Diego Corrientez was not the man to call apon his band for assistance in any ordinary apon his band for assistance in any ordinary case, or when a matter referred especially to himself. He had, therefore, undertaken his present task without consulting any of them. They did not know even the motive which led their chief to the city.

It so happened, however, that several of them had arrived just in time to see Diego taken from the scaffold, and carried to the prison. The horseman, who had followed the carriage, was one of the band. the carriage, was one of the band.
While the crowd were still upon the square, their feelings wrought up to the highest pitch, they saw Cora appear upon the roof of the Capitol, and raise the child as if to plunge it into the street below. A shudder ran through the multitude, and they held their breath in suspense.

It was only a short time before this member of the patriot-band had learned all the particulars, and he mounted the scaffold, and calling the citizens around him, he repeated everything to them.
"Where is the woman?" was the general

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several times over. It was noted around
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following is literally true:

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lady, went to pay a visit to the wonderful
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for their voices to reach the cave they halted. "Now hollow to it," said the lady.

"Hello-of" called out the gentleman in a
very loud voice.

rery loud voice.

Now to the right of the cave, and near it, sat a tired miner engaged in the laudable act of eating his dinner. Supposing that he was the person called to by the gentle-

"It has answered you," said the lady, "Now, hollow again to it and ask it what

is doing."
"Hello-o, what are you doing there?"
The answer came back clear and decisive None of your blamed business, you old

e lady turned with wonder in her eyes

"Indeed, this is a very wonderful echo."
"Let us return, it appears to be out of
humor this time," said the gentleman, and
they returned to M—— in perfect ignorance
of the cause of the singular response.
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An affecting circumstance happened at Long Branch. Among some two hundred bathers were a lady and gentleman who had shown a slight partiality for each other's society. An immense wave unhappily car-ried the lady off her feet, and buried her for an instant in four feet of water. The gen-tleman hurried to her rescue, and on pulling her out she breathlessly exclaimed, with a mouth full of salt water— "O, Augustus—dear—take me—I perish

have mercy take me, Augustus, and O O O take me!"
"Thanks, dearest," exclaimed Augustus,

"you have made me very happy."

Thanks—for what, sir?" coldly exclaimed the lady, taking a long breath.

For your favorable answer to my pro-

posal," said Augustus.
"Proposal? I heard none "Proposal? I heard none."
"O, yes, but you did, my dear—I made it when you were under the water, and you said yes, and told me to take you; and I mean to take you at your word."
"Ah—well—dear me—ask pa—and—"
"Of course," said Augustus.
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A New York and Chicago merchant con versing on the railway train of the merits of their respective cities, the former re-marked—

But you must own New York is the great city-the metropolis, so to speak, of the Yes," remarked the Chicago man, " New

York is a right smart place for business and enterprise, New York is the Chicago of the

This is not quite so bad as the Hoosier, who, on being asked his opinion, re-marked— That New York was too far from In

dianapolis ever to be much of a place."

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oung writer wishes to know of us "which magazine will give me a high po-sition the quickest," We reply a powder magazine, if you contribute a fiery article.

A Morni and Example.

"Listen," said I, "listen and attend, and you shall have a moral and example. When the wasp now in the window entered the room, you flew at it with all kinds of vio-I wonder it did not sting every one Now, in future, let a wasp, when a, have its bout and make its little lip—be quiet as Venus or Diana, or anybody of that sort, until the wasp seems inclined, as at this moment, to settle, then do as I do waistcoat when down it fell, turned waistcoat—when down it fell, turned upon its back, and was dead in a minute. "There, girls," said I, "here's my moral and ex-ample:—When a husband comes home in ill-humor, don't cry out and ify at him, but try a little oil—in fact, treat your husband like a warn."

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en overboard."

Very well," said the count, who is an excellent swimmer, and jumped overboard. The steamer stopped, and both the count and his dog were, five minutes afterward,

WHAT'S IN A NAME -A short time ago MHATS IN A NAME.—A short time ago, a little Beaver Dam boy, whom we will call Jimmy, was riding past a church, and some one remarked, in passing, that it was a Presbyterian church. "Papa," said Jimmy, "what makes them call it a Probyterian church?" "I don't know," said the father; "I'm not very well posted in such matters. But I suppose it's only an arbitary name, to But I suppose it's only an arbitary name, to distinguish it from other churches." Jimmy looked sober and thoughtful for a while, and then replied, with all earnestness." Well. I guess it's called Presbyterian because the way they preach there makes the tears come. - Beaver Dam Citizen.



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"And there is the Princess Lily, Tender and full of grace, Ever toward your bower Turning her haughty face

"I am only a peasant; The ladies at court would scorn To trail the hem of their garments O'er flower so humbly born!"

"Not for your beauty, Daisy, Not for your wealth or birth, Not for your station, Daisy, But for your modest worth."

So men of the Sunflower nature, Seeking the wide world through, Mate with the Daisy women, Simple, and sweet, and true.

A lady writer in the Broadway, in an article entitled "Ourselves," says, in comparing women to men: "Though we were certainly not sent into the world solely to supplement men's lives and to have no original objects of our own, still, we cannot do without their liking; and it is only right that we should set our watches by their time. They are clearer-headed than we; less prejudiced, if less conscientious; more generous when generous, and more tender when tender. When they love, they love better than we love, but less absorbingly. We give the whole of our lives to love, they keep one portion of theirs for work, and another for ambition. Still, the half measure of a gallon is more than the full measure of a pint; and weight for weight, the man's love is greater than the woman's."

Now, in future, let a wasp, when es, have its bout and make its little Don't stir a muscle—don't move a c quiet as Yenus or Diana, or anybody a sort, until the wasp seems inclined, but moved to sort, until the wasp seems inclined. as at this moment, to settle, then do as I do now." Whereupon, dipping the feather end of the pen in the cruet of salad oil, I approached the wasp, and, in the softest and tenderest marker possible, just oiled it upon the body—the black and yellow, like a green waistcoat—when down it fell, turned area. the countenance of a be-whiskered and be-ringletted young man. "Fridolina, my dear," said her maiden aunt, a very proper old lady, "don't look so at young Frizly; he'll think you are in love with him." "I can't help it, Aunt Sophia," replied Frido-lina, with tears in her lovely eyes, "his ex-pression is so like Moppets!"

AGRICULTURAL.

Ideas have changed very much of late about the treatment of animal manure, es-pecially since the very careful emperiments of Professor Voelcker at the Royal Agricultural College at Circucester, in England, the results of which are published in the Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society. These experiments seem to prove that there is no place so good for the storing of farmland manure as the surface of the field where it is to be used. The longer it is exposed to the action of the air (and prevented from an injurious decomposition, as when built up into heaps.) the more thoroughly is it prepared for assimilation, and the more evenly are its assimilable parts distributed through the soil. If the manure is at once ploughed under, the soluble portions of each lump of manure will be taken up and held fast by the soil immediately in contact with it, for water cannot distribute fertilizing matters in the soil. So long as the manure hes on the surface, its parts, as fast as they are disengaged by de-These experiments seem to prove that there parts, as fast as they are disengaged by de-composition, are washed into the soil by the composition, are washed into the soil by the water of rains, and distributed much more evenly (carried to many more of its particles)

"laying by for a year," nor by any other for use,

process which would be attended with the

evolution of volatile ammonia and the washing of soluble salts.

Cow manure may be kept an indefinite time if protected from sun and rain. Horse manure would be most effectively used by being spread upon the land as fast as it is produced. Left by itself in heaps, even un-der cover, it undergoes a destructive fer-

How to Keep Eggs Fresh.

As detailed in the Maine Farmer, the fol As detailed in the Maine Farmer, the fol-lowing very simple plan we have never tried, and know nothing practically whether it be effectual or not. We found it in the "Farm Journal," quoted from the "Eng-lish Agricultural Gazette." We pass it over to our readers for their consideration. Take a half inch board of any convenient

length and breadth, and pierce it as full of holes, (each one and a half inches in diame-ter,) as you can. I find that a board two feet and six inches in length, and one foot wide, has five dozen in it, say twelve rows

of five each.
Then take four strips two inches broad,

Then take four strips two inches broad, and nail them together into a rectangular frame. Nail this board upon the frame, and the work is done, unless you choose to nail a beading around the top.

Put your eggs in this board as they come from the poultry house, the small end down, and they will keep good for six months, if you take the following precautions:—Take care that the eggs do not get wet, either in the nest or afterwards. (In summer, hens are fond of laying among the weeds or grass, and any eggs taken from such nests in wet weather, should be put away for immediate use.) Keep them in a cool room in summer, use.) Keep them in a cool room in summer, and out of the reach of frost in winter. If two boards be kept, one can be filling while the other is emptying.

The writer accounts for the preservation

of eggs in this way, by supposing that the yolk floats more equally in the white, and has less tendency to sink down against the shell, than when the egg is laid on one side-certainly, if the yolk touches the shell it spoils immediately.

Sending Hay to England.

Our readers have probably been aware, before reading this, that several cargoes of hay have been exported from the United States to England lately to supply deficiencies in the crop there. An English paper speaking of samples of this hay pronounces it "extremely coarse.—more like dried it "extremely coarse,—more like dried rushes than the product of a meadow." From this we should judge the sample ex-amined must have been entirely made up of herds grass which had attained a vigorous growth. It could not have been a specimen of our "mixed" hay—red top and clover with a proportion of herds-grass. (timothy,) else even the fault-finding English farmers would have been satisfied. We do not think this business of sending hay to England will amount to much or will be likely to be continued. The high price at home and the cost of exportation will make the profits small, while the risks are large.—

RECEIPTS.

COCOANUT CUSTARD.—Take I grated co-count, I quart milk, 4 eggs, sweeten to laste. This will make four puddings. PRIMITY CORN BREAD.

Indian meal, add to it a pint of sponge, half a tencup molasses, small teaspoon saleratus, stir in flour with a spoon until quite stiff, . half put in pan, let it rise, and bake it one hour,

CAUTIONS AGAINST THE SKIN OF RAISINS. It has been noticed that several children ave died from convulsions produced by ating the skirs of raisins. Dr. Dewees, of oston, mentions the deaths of three children from this cause, and remarks that there is no stomach, unless it be that of the estrich, that can master the skin of the raisin.

To RESTORE COLORS TAKEN OUT BY To RESTORE COLORS TAKEN OUT BY ACID, &c.—Hartshorn rubbed on a silk or woollen garment will restore the color without injuring it. Spirits of turpentine is good to take grease or drops of paint out of cloth; apply it till the paint can be scraped off. Rub French chalk or magnesia on silk or ribbon that has been greased and hold near the fire; this will absorb the grease so that it may be brushed off.

HINTS ON MAKING GUM.—Procure two

than they could be in any other way.

If the object is simply to get the manure into the best condition for the use of the grass crop, you may safely spread it upon your meadows without any preliminary treatment. Of course it is best to have the manure as fine as possible, but it is not good conomy to attain this result by means of coloring by for a year," nor by any other

THE RIDDLER.

To CONTRIBUTORS.-We have concluded not to publish any more prize Enigmas, Prob-lems, &c.. except such as we may decide to offer ourselves.—Editor Riddler.

Enigma.

I am composed of 54 letters. My 52, 33, 42, 1, 13, is a bill drawn for

My 52, 33, 42, 1, 13, is a bill drawn for money.

My 23, 2, 39, 44, 19, is a young person.

My 10, 53, 13, 17, 3, is an excellent drink.

My 19, 49, 29, 32, 3, is reputation.

My 45, 12, 4, 20, 41, is a creeping animal.

My 47, 15, 5, 30, 36, is a vehicle.

My 21, 24, 40, 6, 28, is coin used in trade.

My 37, 41, 7, 14, 43, is transparent.

My 18, 48, 51, 7, 44, is a species of corn.

My 38, 21, 7, 16, 51, is a bond servant.

My 25, 8, 35, 13, 54, is concord.

My 26, 11, 34, 8, 46, is a concreted juice.

My 27, 50, 9, 22, 33, is a kind of tree.

My whole is one of "Poor Richard's" proverbs.

FRANCIS M. PRIEST.

Bryan, Ohio.

Problem.

A merchant bought several yards of silk for \$30—out of which he reserved 10 yards, and sold the remainder for \$28, gaining one sixth as many cents on a yard as one yard cost him. How many yards did he buy, and at what price?

W. H. MORROW. at what price?
Irwin Station, Pa.

An answer is requested.

Mathematical Problem.

It is required to find the length of the longest ladder that can be slid up a vertical wall, under an obstacle which is 2 feet and 3 inches from the wall and 5 feet and 4 inches from the ground.

ARTEMAS MARTIN.

Franklin, Venango Co., Pa. An answer is requested.

Problem for the Boys.

If a cubic foot of iron were drawn into a square bar one-half inch square. Required—its length, provided one-twelfth of the metal wasted.

W. T. STONEBRAKER.
West Milton, Miami Co., O.

An answer is requested.

Is there a word in the English language which contains all the vowels? Ans.

—Unquestionably.

Is there another which contains them in regular succession? Ans.—Face-

Where did Joseph go when he was fifteen? Ans.—On to sixteen.
Why is Christmas-day like a pulpit? Ans.—Because it is kept in churches.
What thing is that which was born without a soul, and when it got a soul could only keep it three days, and when it died it went neither to Heaven nor to hell? Ans.—The whele that wallowed Jonah whale that swallowed Jonah.

ENIGMA-Subscribe for the Saturday Evening Post.

Answer to W. H. Morrow's PROBLEM of Aug. 22nd—4 inches. W. H. Morrow. J. M. Greenwood, F. M. Priest, J. N. Soders, W. B. Mullin. Width of the frame 1-6 of an inch. S. S. Knox. Width of frame—12.44 plus inches. A. Reid.

Answer to A. Martin's PROBLEM of same the 20 feet. A. Martin's PROBLEM of same lates. 20 feet. A. Martin's PROBLEM of same

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feet, S. S. Knox.

Answer to J. S. Phebus's PROBLEM of same date—44.66 seconds. J. S. Phebus 44.67 seconds. J. N. Soders, 43.14 plus seconds. C. A. Benjamin. 17.18 plus seconds. W. T. Stonebraker. 44.6712 seconds. F. M. Prinst.

Answer to W. H. Morrow's PROBLEM of Aug. 29th—144 and 64 square rods. W. H. Morrow, J. S. Phebus, A. Reid, W. T. Stonebraker, W. B. Mullin, F. M. Priest, and J. N. Soders. 144 and 60 rods. J. M. Green-

wood.
Answer to W. T. Stonebraker's PROBLEM
of same date—6 feet. W. T. Stonebraker,
J. M. Greenwood, J. N. Soders, F. M. Priest,
W. B. Mullin, A. Reid, and J. S. Phebus.

Nothing shin of beef for this sonp, though pieces of John J. Cisco & Son, Bankers, No. 59 the rump and other parts are used; the shin should be sawed in several places, and the marrow extracted; this, if laid in the bottom of the saucepan, will take the place of butter; if marrow is not forthcoming, but-ter must be employed; take a fourth of the quantity of ham, stew gently until the gravy extracted, care being taken it does burn; a little water may be employed by the inexperienced, but not much; when it has nearly dried up again, put in herbs, a couple of carrots cut very small, pepper ground, salt, a little white sugar (this can be omitted, but it materally adds to the fla-vor;) add boiling water in requisite quan-tity, and stew gently for five hours; when cold, remove the fat, and warm up as wanted.

WHITE SOUP .- General directions for white stock have been given, but to prevent mistake, take a knuckle of veal, separated into three or four pieces, a slice of ham as lean as possible, a few mions, thyme, cloves, ican as possible, a few omons, thyme, cloves, and mace, stew twelve or fourteen hours, until the stock is as rich as the ingredients can make it; an old fowl will make it much richer, if added. This sonp must be made the day before it is required; when removed from the fire, after sufficiently stewed, let it cool, and then remove the fat, add to it four ounces of pounded blanched almonds, the it health doubt thicker is with helf a pint. let it boil slowly, thicken it with half a pint of cream and an egg; it should boil slowly for half an hour, and then be served.

PUDDING SAUCE, No. 1 .- One coffee cup of sugar, half a cup of butter, and one egg, beated together a long time, flavor with lemon or vanilla. Before taking it to the table turn on three tablespoonfuls of boiling

water, stir it enough to mix it.

SUET PUDDING.—One pound of suct, five potatoes boiled and mashed, one cup of milk, and one cup of raisins chopped fine, one teaspoonful of seda, and any kind of spice to suit the taste. Use flour enough to mix like bread, and boil three hours in a tin boiler.

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